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DELAWARE STATE SENATE  
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 110

DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2024 AS “CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH” IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, the month of February 2024 has been designated Career and Technical Education Month<sup>®</sup> by the  
2 Association for Career and Technical Education; and

3 WHEREAS, career and technical education (CTE) offers all students the opportunity to gain the academic,  
4 technical, and employability skills necessary for career readiness; and

5 WHEREAS, students in career and technical education programs participate in authentic, meaningful experiences  
6 that improve the quality of their education and increase their engagement and achievement; and

7 WHEREAS, career and technical education provides all students with career exploration opportunities earlier in  
8 their educational experience, which enables them to make informed and beneficial decisions about their academic  
9 coursework and pursue established programs of study and career pathways; and

10 WHEREAS, as of 2022, over 44,413 students were enrolled in CTE programs in Delaware; and

11 WHEREAS, CTE programs are offered in 41 out of 45 public high schools in Delaware, including its three  
12 technical school districts, 16 comprehensive or traditional school districts, 7 charter school districts and 2 state institutions  
13 serving at-risk youth; and

14 WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Department of Education, the 2022-2023 4-year graduation rate for secondary CTE  
15 programs in Delaware is 92%. For postsecondary CTE programs, Delaware’s post-program placement equates 86% with a  
16 wide range of potential career opportunities. This includes career pathway programs in architecture and construction,  
17 agriculture, food & natural resources, health sciences, manufacturing, and more; and

18 WHEREAS, leaders from business and industry from across the nation thereby report increasing challenges related  
19 to addressing the skills gap and connecting qualified professionals with available careers in critical and growing CTE-  
20 related fields, including healthcare, energy, advanced manufacturing, cybersecurity, and information technology; and

21 WHEREAS, career and technical education prepares students for these and other fulfilling careers by offering  
22 integrated programs of study that link secondary and postsecondary education and lead to the attainment of industry-  
23 recognized credentials; and

24 WHEREAS, career and technical education programs ensure that employers have access to a qualified and  
25 thriving workforce, ensuring America is a strong and competitive economy.

26 NOW, THEREFORE:

27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 152<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of  
28 Representatives concurring therein, that the Legislature affirms the importance of Career and Technical Education and  
29 hereby designates February 2024 as “Career and Technical Education Month” in the State of Delaware.

#### SYNOPSIS

This concurrent resolution designates February 2024 as “Career and Technical Education Month” in the State of Delaware to urge all citizens to become familiar with the services and benefits offered by the career and technical education programs in their communities, and to support and participate in these programs to enhance their individual skills and productivity.

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