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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
153rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 89

DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2026 AS “CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH” IN  
THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, the month of February 2026 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 true 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, CTE programs are offered by 31 local education agencies in Delaware, including its three technical  
11 school districts, 16 comprehensive or traditional school districts, nine charter school districts, and two state institutions  
12 serving at-risk youth; and

13 WHEREAS, as of the 2024-2025 academic year, Delaware high schools offered over 120 different CTE programs  
14 of study across the 16 Career Clusters, while Delaware middle schools offered 16 CTE programs of study, demonstrating a  
15 broad spectrum of career-focused education opportunities; and

16 WHEREAS, in the 2024-2025 academic year, over 60% of all students in Delaware’s middle and high schools  
17 participated in at least one CTE program of study, and a duplicative total course enrollment of over 90,000, thereby  
18 showing students are learning multiple trade and industry skills across the 16 Career Clusters including Work-Based  
19 Learning courses allowing students the opportunity to integrate hands-on, practical experience with academic learning; and

20 WHEREAS, in the 2024-2025 academic year, 837 Division 1 Career and Technical Education teaching units were  
21 generated throughout Delaware’s middle and high schools with 30% of the units earned in vocational technical districts and  
22 70% of the units earned in k-12 districts; and

23 WHEREAS, in the 2024-2025 academic year Delaware middle and high school students participated in eight  
24 Career and Technical Student Organizations, they are as follows: Business Professionals of America (BPA), DECA,  
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25 Educators Rising, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), Health Occupations Students of America  
26 (HOSA), National FFA Organization (FFA), SkillsUSA, Technology Student Association (TSA); and

27 WHEREAS, Delaware is a leader in CTE and is uniquely positioned to be a model for the nation as these  
28 programs allow Delaware students the chance to earn early college credits, industry-recognized credentials, and work  
29 experience; and

30 WHEREAS, leaders from business and industry nationwide report increasing challenges related to addressing a  
31 skills gap. CTE programs can fill these gaps, particularly in Delaware's key industries, like science and technology, food  
32 and agriculture, manufacturing and logistics, and education and healthcare; and

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

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

38 NOW, THEREFORE:

39 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 153<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the  
40 Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature affirms the importance of Career and Technical Education and hereby  
41 designates February 2026 as "Career and Technical Education Month" in the State of Delaware.

#### SYNOPSIS

This concurrent resolution designates February 2026 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.