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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, In November 2024, National Apprenticeship Week
3 will celebrate its 10th anniversary of raising awareness of
4 the vital role that apprenticeships play in providing
5 opportunities to learn and earn on the pathway to good,
6 quality jobs and well-paying careers with the opportunity for
7 career advancement; and

8 WHEREAS, Building off of the success of National
9 Apprenticeship Week, the U.S. Department of Labor and its
10 Apprenticeship USA initiative will celebrate the first Youth
11 Apprenticeship Week in 2024 to highlight the benefits and
12 value of registered apprenticeships for young people ages
13 16-24; and

14 WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship programs allow youth
15 and young adults to obtain relevant training and experience to
16 start their careers while earning competitive wages and often
17 include the opportunity to earn college credit as well,
18 creating a sustainable pipeline of skilled and diverse talent
19 for critical industries; and

20 WHEREAS, The advancement and well-being of Illinois
21 depends upon its ability to expand workforce opportunities for
22 people in all areas of the State, including through Registered

1 Apprenticeship programs that are able to meet the changing
2 demands of the economy while providing a path to success and
3 stability and opportunity to contribute to America's
4 industries for all qualified individuals regardless of their
5 race, sexuality, involvement in the justice system, gender,
6 geography, ethnicity, or disability status; and

7 WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship programs for youth are
8 able to combine a proven, industry-driven training model for
9 apprenticeships with colleges and universities, including
10 community colleges, to provide access to a broader array of
11 education and skills development for young people, allowing
12 them greater opportunities for sustained success while
13 addressing challenges, including, but not limited to,
14 rebuilding our country's infrastructure, addressing critical
15 supply chain demands, supporting a clean energy workforce,
16 modernizing our cybersecurity response, and addressing care
17 economy issues; and

18 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Labor is bringing
19 together employers, industry associations, labor
20 organizations, community-based organizations, workforce
21 partners, educational institutions, and governments to
22 celebrate Youth Apprenticeship Week from May 5-11, 2024; and

23 WHEREAS, Themes being highlighted for the inaugural Youth

1 Apprenticeship Week include the importance of parents and
2 guardians, building awareness through partnerships with
3 schools and creating pathways through pre-apprenticeship, and
4 expanding youth apprenticeships for underserved populations in
5 rural, suburban, and urban communities; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
7 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we declare the week of May 5-11, 2024 as "Youth Apprenticeship
9 Week" in the State of Illinois; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That we encourage business leaders, educators,
11 families, and young people to learn more about the
12 opportunities that youth apprenticeship programs provide and
13 to encourage the development and expansion of youth
14 apprenticeship programs in Illinois.