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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The skilled trades keep our country running and
3 are essential in keeping our communities safe and healthy;
4 with the projected job growth and financial freedom provided,
5 the trades can provide an engaging and satisfying career path;
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7 WHEREAS, While the trades have been a male-dominated field
8 historically, more and more women are starting to join the
9 industry, and progress has been made toward greater gender
10 equality in these industries; and

11 WHEREAS, Tradeswomen have had a positive impact on the
12 local economy, the workforce, and community development in the
13 State of Illinois; and

14 WHEREAS, It is important to inspire young women and girls
15 to consider careers in skilled trades and to offer
16 opportunities for STEM education and vocational training
17 through DOL approved Apprenticeship Programs; and

18 WHEREAS, Tradeswomen Take Over Springfield on May 16, 2023
19 is the first annual Illinois Tradeswomen Recruitment and Lobby
20 Day, an event designed to shine a spotlight on women in trades
21 typically dominated by men, to celebrate women around our

1 State who work with tools, and to foster a sense of community
2 and solidarity among tradeswomen and the broader Illinois
3 community; and

4 WHEREAS, Tradeswomen Take Over Springfield is a day to
5 learn about the building and construction trades and the
6 various job opportunities available to all women across the
7 State of Illinois and is open to women of all ages and all
8 experience levels who are interested in strong/equitable pay,
9 apprentice training, and the support of a union contract;
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we commend the women in trades who are breaking down barriers,
14 demonstrating exceptional skill and dedication, and serving as
15 role models for others; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That we encourage ongoing efforts to support
17 tradeswomen, including future events, educational programs,
18 and initiatives that promote equal opportunities in union
19 construction trades; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That we express support for skilled trades and
21 the need for a diverse and inclusive workforce to meet the
22 demands of a growing economy; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That we encourage collaboration among
2 businesses, labor organizations, and educational institutions
3 to create pathways for women to enter and thrive in trades; and
4 be it further

5 RESOLVED, That we congratulate the organizers, sponsors,
6 and participants of the Tradeswomen Take Over Springfield
7 event for their efforts and contributions in making the event
8 a success; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the Tradeswomen Take Over Springfield organizers
11 as a symbol of our respect and esteem.