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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize the value of Registered Apprenticeship programs during National Apprenticeship Week, November 17 to November 23, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week is an annual event that brings attention to the critical role that Registered Apprenticeship programs play in generating opportunities, enabling apprentices to learn and earn on an accelerated industry pathway in preparation for high-caliber employment and lucrative careers across the country; and

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WHEREAS, In the United States, there is an urgent need to train and maintain a distributed, inclusive, and highly qualified workforce that can support our economy and meet the needs of America's industries; and

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WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship programs play a key role in expanding opportunities in our workforce that are inclusive of individuals who have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by persistent poverty and inequality, thus providing a path for all qualified individuals, including women, youth, people of color, rural communities, justice-involved individuals, and

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1 individuals with disabilities, to become apprentices and
2 contribute to America's industries; and

3 WHEREAS, President Joseph R. "Joe" Biden Jr., in signing
4 Executive Order 14119, has expanded the use of Registered
5 Apprenticeships and promoted labor-management forums across
6 federal agencies; and

7 WHEREAS, The House Committee on Education and the
8 Workforce has understood the importance of aligning the goals
9 and objectives of the U.S. Department of Education and the
10 U.S. Department of Labor, as the Registered Apprenticeship
11 system is America's most successful federally authorized
12 workforce development program; according to the Department of
13 Labor, 93% of people who complete an Registered Apprenticeship
14 are employed upon completion, earning an average starting wage
15 of above \$77,000 annually; additionally, businesses earn \$1.44
16 back for every dollar invested toward their apprentices in a
17 Registered Apprenticeship program; and

18 WHEREAS, The bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs
19 Act has addressed some of our country's most pressing
20 workforce challenges, such as rebuilding our infrastructure,
21 meeting the demands of our vital supply chains, assisting a
22 workforce focused on clean energy, updating our cybersecurity
23 response, and addressing concerns related to the care economy;

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2 WHEREAS, The Workforce Innovation Network (WIN), and the
3 Black Community Providers Network (BCPN) have acknowledged
4 that Registered Apprenticeship programs are critical towards
5 enhancing job quality and ensuring that everyone, including
6 youth and young adults, have access to well-paying,
7 family-sustaining jobs, and these organizations will convene a
8 series of national events from November 17 to November 23,
9 2024 in celebration of National Apprenticeship Week;
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 recognize the value of Registered Apprenticeship programs
14 during National Apprenticeship Week, November 17 to November
15 23, 2024; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That we commend the Workforce Innovation Network
17 (WIN) and the Black Community Providers Network (BCPN) for
18 their support of registered apprenticeship, industry
19 awareness, and the expansion of apprenticeship, especially
20 during National Apprenticeship Week; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
22 presented to the Workforce Innovation Network (WIN) and the

1 Black Community Providers Network (BCPN) as an expression of
2 our esteem and respect.