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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize National Apprenticeship Week on the occasion of its 10th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week raises awareness of the vital role Registered Apprenticeship programs play as a proven and industry-driven training model, as a key strategy to improving job quality, and in creating access to well-paying, family-sustaining careers for all, starting with youth and young adults; and

WHEREAS, In the United States, there is an urgent need to prepare and maintain an inclusive, diverse, and highly skilled workforce to address some of our nation's pressing workforce challenges, such as rebuilding our country's infrastructure, addressing critical supply chain demands, supporting a clean energy workforce, modernizing our cybersecurity response, and responding to care economy issues; and

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship programs enable employers to develop and train their future workforce while offering career seekers affordable pathways to good, quality jobs and high-paying careers; and

1 WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship programs expand
2 opportunities in our workforce that are inclusive of
3 individuals who have been historically underserved,
4 marginalized, and adversely affected by persistent poverty and
5 inequality, thus providing a path for all qualified
6 individuals, including women, youth, people of color, rural
7 and tribal communities, justice-involved individuals, and
8 individuals with disabilities, to become apprentices and
9 contributors to America's industries; and

10 WHEREAS, Educators, school counselors, and educational
11 institutions play a pivotal role in not only bringing
12 awareness of Registered Apprenticeship opportunities to
13 students and parents but also in serving as training
14 providers, sponsors, and intermediaries; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
16 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we recognize National Apprenticeship Week, held from November
18 17 to November 23, 2024, as it celebrates its 10th
19 anniversary; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That we recognize the value of Registered
21 Apprenticeship programs and of promoting industry awareness
22 during National Apprenticeship Week.