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H. RES. 222

Expressing support for approximately doubling funding for Federal career and technical education programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for approximately doubling funding for Federal career and technical education programs.

Whereas, for many Americans, this post-COVID economic boom is an opportunity to reskill and upskill, with American workers changing jobs and even professions in historic numbers;

Whereas the landscape of the 21st century economy is changing, as emerging new technologies and shifting demands create new opportunities and challenges;

Whereas there remains a crucial and unaddressed need to train the workforce of this new economy;

Whereas now is the time to invest in American workers, as the tremendous economic energy of the post-COVID recovery presents an unparalleled opportunity to retrain

and realign the American workforce for the new economy, while also providing American workers with the necessary skills to earn higher wages and attain long-term job security; and

Whereas the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.), as reauthorized by the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (“Perkins V”), is the primary Federal law developing and supporting career and technical education programs in secondary and postsecondary education: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) affirms the importance of the Carl D. Per-
3 kins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006
4 (20 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.) and other career and tech-
5 nical education programs for training the skilled
6 workforce of the future and for increasing the earn-
7 ing potential and job security of American workers;

8 (2) recognizes that the authorized annual fund-
9 ing for the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical
10 Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.),
11 amounting to \$1,299,883,892 in fiscal year 2023, is
12 insufficient to address the need brought on by the
13 long-term economic realignment and the near-term
14 COVID–19 pandemic; and

15 (3) urges the Committee on Education and the
16 Workforce to authorize \$13,000,000,000 in new
17 spending for programs under the Carl D. Perkins

1 Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20
2 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.) and innovative evidence-based
3 career and technical education over the next 10
4 years, equaling approximately double the amount
5 currently authorized by Congress to such programs.

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