

CTE Fact Sheet

FACTS ABOUT CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

- The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) represents approximately 29,000 teachers, administrators, educators, and counselors involved in career and technical education across the U.S. and abroad.
- Career and technical education prepares both youth and adults for a wide range of careers, from registered nurse to computer technician. These careers may require varying levels of education--from high school to postsecondary certificates to two- and four-year college degrees.
- The subject areas most commonly associated with career and technical education are: Business (office administration and entrepreneurship); Trade and Industrial (skilled trades such as automotive technician, carpenter, computer numerical control technician); Health Occupations (nursing, dental, and medical technicians); Agriculture (careers related to food and fiber production and agribusiness); Family and Consumer Sciences (culinary arts, management and life skills); Marketing (merchandising and retail); and Technology (computer-based careers).
- There are 11 million secondary and postsecondary career and technical education students in the U.S., according to the U.S. Office of Educational Research and Improvement.
- Across the country, career and technical education programs are offered in about 11,000 comprehensive high schools. About 9,400 postsecondary institutions offer technical programs, including community colleges, technical institutes, skill centers and other public and private two- and four-year colleges.
- According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, **18 of the 20 fastest growing occupations within the next decade will require career and technical education.**

For more information on career and technical education,
visit the ACTE Web site at www.acteonline.org.

H. RES. 930

Supporting the goals and ideals of “Career and Technical Education Month”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 17, 2008

Mr. BAIRD (for himself and Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of “Career and Technical Education Month”.

Whereas there are over 15,000,000 secondary and postsecondary career and technical education students in the United States;

Whereas nationwide, there are over 10,000 secondary high schools and career tech centers and over 9,000 postsecondary institutions offering career and technical education programs;

Whereas a competitive global economy requires workers trained in skilled professions;

Whereas career and technical education plays a crucial role in preparing a well-educated and skilled workforce in America;

Whereas career and technical education prepares students for all of the 20 fastest occupations identified by the U.S. Department of Labor;

Whereas according to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, nearly 75 percent of employers report severe conditions when trying to hire qualified workers and 40 percent say that applicants are poorly skilled;

Whereas students taking career and technical education courses have higher grade point averages in college, are less likely to drop out in high school and college, and have better employment and earnings outcomes than other students;

Whereas, in 2006, Congress reauthorized with bipartisan support the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act, which provides states with Federal resources to support career and technical education programs; and

Whereas the Association for Career and Technical Education has designated February as “Career and Technical Education Month” to celebrate career and technical education across the country:

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved,

That the United States House of Representatives—

- (1) supports the goals and ideals of Career and Technical Education month;
- (2) recognizes the importance of career and technical education in preparing a well-educated and skilled workforce in America; and
- (3) encourages educators, counselors, and administrators to promote career and technical education as an option to students.

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