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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 13-011**

101     **CONCERNING RECOGNITION OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION**  
102             **MONTH.**

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1             WHEREAS, The month of February 2013 has been designated  
2     Career and Technical Education Month by the Association for Career and  
3     Technical Education; and

4             WHEREAS, Profound economic and technological changes in  
5     society are rapidly reflected in the structure and nature of work, thereby  
6     placing new and unique responsibilities on the state's educational system;  
7     and

8             WHEREAS, Career and technical education provides Americans  
9     with a school-to-careers connection and prepares and supports a capable,

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*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
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1 well-educated workforce and, as a result, fosters productivity in business  
2 and industry and contributes to America's leadership in the international  
3 marketplace; and

4 WHEREAS, Career and technical education helps students in  
5 middle school, high school, and college apply their academic skills in  
6 areas such as reading, writing, science, and mathematics, along with their  
7 workplace readiness skills, to practical, meaningful situations, thus  
8 enhancing the quality of their education, helping to retain  
9 under-represented youth in schools, and giving all students leadership  
10 opportunities in their career fields and in their communities; and

11 WHEREAS, Career and technical education offers individuals  
12 lifelong opportunities to learn new skills, which prepare them for  
13 postsecondary opportunities and provide them with high-skill, high-wage,  
14 and high-demand career choices; and

15 WHEREAS, The ever-increasing cooperative efforts of career and  
16 technical educators with business and industry stimulate the growth and  
17 vitality of the local economy and that of the entire nation by preparing  
18 graduates for career fields forecasted to experience the largest and fastest  
19 growth in the next decade; and

20 WHEREAS, Colorado career and technical education programs are  
21 a vital part of the state's education system, and 39% of high school  
22 students from over 160 school districts are enrolled in one or more career  
23 and technical education programs; and

24 WHEREAS, Student success in Colorado career and technical  
25 education programs is impressive; more than 147,000 secondary and  
26 postsecondary students in Colorado are enrolled in career and technical  
27 education programs, and a high percentage of the students who complete  
28 a career and technical education program report that, one year after  
29 finishing the program, they are either employed in jobs related to their  
30 field of study or continuing their education; and

31 WHEREAS, Career and technical education in Colorado is  
32 rigorous; nearly two-thirds of high school students enrolled in a career  
33 and technical education program enter into some kind of postsecondary  
34 program, and the nearly 35,000 postsecondary students enrolled can  
35 choose from more than 700 career and technical education programs;  
36 now, therefore,

1                    *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-ninth General Assembly*  
2                    *of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

3                    That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly,  
4                    proclaim the month of February as Career and Technical Education  
5                    Month.

6                    *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent  
7                    to the Colorado Association for Career and Technical Education, the  
8                    Colorado Association of Career and Technical Administrators, the  
9                    Colorado Community College System, Aims Community College,  
10                    Colorado Mountain College, Western Colorado Community College, and  
11                    the following area technical colleges: Emily Griffith Opportunity School,  
12                    Delta-Montrose Technical College, and Pickens Technical College.