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Supporting the designation of the week beginning November 14, 2016, as  
“National Apprenticeship Week”.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Miss RICE of New York submitted the following resolution; which was referred  
to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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# RESOLUTION

Supporting the designation of the week beginning November  
14, 2016, as “National Apprenticeship Week”.

Whereas a highly skilled workforce is necessary to compete  
in the global economy and to support economic growth;

Whereas the national registered apprenticeship system estab-  
lished by the Act of August 16, 1937, (29 U.S.C. 50 et  
seq.) (commonly known as the “National Apprenticeship  
Act”) (referred to in this preamble as the “national reg-  
istered apprenticeship system”), which has existed for  
over 75 years—

(1) is an important pathway for workers of the  
United States;

(2) offers a combination of academic and technical instruction paid, on-the-job, training;

(3) provides workers of the United States credentials that are nationally-recognized and industry-recognized;

(4) leads to higher earnings for apprentices; and

(5) develops a highly skilled workforce for the United States;

Whereas registered apprenticeships—

(1) are becoming increasingly innovative and diverse in design, partnerships, timeframes, and use of emerging educational and training concepts; and

(2) will continue to evolve to meet emerging skill essentials and employer requirements and maintain high standards for apprentices;

Whereas the national registered apprenticeship system provides education and training for apprentices in—

(1) high-growth sectors, including information technology, financial services, advanced manufacturing, and health care; and

(2) traditional industries;

Whereas according to the Department of Labor, the national registered apprenticeship system leverages approximately \$1,000,000,000 in private investment, which reflects the strong commitment of the sponsors of the national registered apprenticeship system;

Whereas an evaluation of registered apprenticeship programs in 10 States conducted by Mathematica Policy Research in 2012 found that—

(1) individuals who completed registered apprenticeship programs earned over \$300,000 more over their careers than individuals who did not participate in registered apprenticeship programs;

(2) the estimated social benefits of each registered apprenticeship program (including additional productivity of apprentices and the reduction in governmental expenditures as a result of reduced use of unemployment compensation and public assistance) exceeded the costs of each registered apprenticeship program by more than \$49,000; and

(3) the tax return on every dollar the Federal Government invested in registered apprenticeship programs was \$27; and

Whereas the celebration of National Apprenticeship Week—

(1) honors industries that use the registered apprenticeship model;

(2) encourages expansion of the registered apprenticeship model to prepare highly skilled workers of the United States;

(3) recognizes the role the national registered apprenticeship system has played in preparing workers of the United States for jobs; and

(4) promotes conversation about ways the national registered apprenticeship system can continue to respond to workforce challenges in the 21st century: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) supports the designation of “National Ap-  
3       prenticeship Week”;

4               (2) recognizes the importance of apprentice-  
5       ships in developing a well-trained and highly-skilled  
6       workforce; and

- 1 (3) commends organizations and employers that
- 2 actively support apprenticeship programs.