

Senate Resolution 152

By: Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Martin of the 9th, Parent of the 42nd, Tippins of the 37th, Sims of the 12th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and recognizing the Georgia Association for Career and Technical Education and
 2 the career and technical educators who prepare many of Georgia's students for the work
 3 force; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Georgia Association for Career and Technical Education (GACTE) is a state
 5 affiliate of the National Association for Career & Technical Education, an organization that
 6 encourages and organizes teachers to become part of a collective voice that can influence
 7 issues and policies that impact career, technical, and agricultural education (CTAE); and

8 WHEREAS, Georgia has a successful and nationally recognized CTAE program through
 9 which its members delivered instruction to over 350,000 high school students in Fiscal Year
 10 2017, representing 62 percent of all Georgia high school students; and

11 WHEREAS, Georgia's CTAE programs and GACTE's members are helping their students
 12 prepare for their future careers, with more than 130,000 students completing a pathway in
 13 a specific industry or job area in Fiscal Year 2017; and

14 WHEREAS, more than 35,000 of these students earned an industry-recognized credential,
 15 allowing them to enter the work force after graduation; and

16 WHEREAS, Georgia's CTAE pathway completers are also graduating at a rate of 96.48
 17 percent for Fiscal Year 2018, almost 15 points higher than the state graduation rate; and

18 WHEREAS, GACTE's members are involved in their communities and are working hard to
 19 meet the industry needs of the communities where they teach to help fulfill those work force
 20 needs while also preparing students for postsecondary education; and

21 WHEREAS, GACTE and its members are working diligently to prepare Georgia students
 22 for the work force and beyond.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 honor and recognize the Georgia Association for Career and Technical Education and the
25 national celebration for career and technical education during the month of February.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia
28 Association for Career and Technical Education.