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Recognizing the 75th anniversary of the enactment of the National Apprenticeship Act of 1937 and supporting the goals and ideals of National Registered Apprenticeship Month.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 26, 2012

Mr. TIERNEY (for himself and Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 75th anniversary of the enactment of the National Apprenticeship Act of 1937 and supporting the goals and ideals of National Registered Apprenticeship Month.

Whereas this year will mark the 75th anniversary of the passage of the National Apprenticeship Act on August 16, 1937, which established the National Registered Apprenticeship system;

Whereas the State of Wisconsin created the first State Registered Apprenticeship system in 1911;

Whereas the National Apprenticeship Act established a comprehensive system of partnerships among employers, labor organizations, educational institutions, and Federal

and State governments, which has shaped skill training for succeeding generations of workers in the United States;

Whereas, for 75 years, Registered Apprenticeship has provided and continues to provide state-of-the-art training using an ''earn while you learn'' model that has and continues to offer a pathway to the middle class and a sustainable career for millions of America's workers;

Whereas Registered Apprenticeship has grown to include approximately 24,000 programs across the Nation, providing education and training for apprentices in emerging and high-growth sectors such as information technology and health care, as well as traditional industries;

Whereas the National Registered Apprenticeship system leverages approximately $1 billion in private investment, reflective of the strong commitment of its sponsors, including industry associations, individual employers and joint labor-management partnerships;

Whereas Registered Apprenticeship is an important post-secondary pathway for America's workers, offering a combination of academic and technical instruction with paid on-the-job training, resulting in a nationally and industry recognized occupational credential that ensures higher earnings for apprentices and a highly skilled workforce for U.S. businesses;

Whereas the National Registered Apprenticeship system has continually modernized and developed innovative training approaches to meet the workforce needs of industry to address the evolving challenges of staying competitive in the global economy;

Whereas the 21st century National Registered Apprenticeship system, as envisioned by the Secretary of Labor's Advisory Committee on Apprenticeship and administered as a partnership between the Federal Government and State apprenticeship programs, is positioned to produce the highly skilled workers the Nation's economy needs now and in the future; and

Whereas the celebration of "National Registered Apprenticeship Month" would honor and encourage industries who utilize or could benefit from the Registered Apprenticeship model to train workers and recognize the role the Registered Apprenticeship system has played in preparing America's workers for jobs with family sustaining wages: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) celebrates the 101st anniversary of the passage of the first State Registered Apprenticeship law;

(2) celebrates the 75th anniversary of the enactment of the National Apprenticeship Act of 1937; and

(3) supports the goals and ideals of National Registered Apprenticeship Month.

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