Whereas vocational-technical education prepares the Nation's work force by providing students with basic academic and occupational skills;

Whereas vocational-technical education stresses the importance of positive work attitudes and values;

Whereas vocational-technical education builds the leadership skills of students by encouraging them to participate in student organizations;

Whereas vocational-technical education stimulates the growth and vitality of the Nation's businesses and industries by preparing workers for the majority of occupations forecasted to experience the largest and fastest growth in the next decade;

Whereas vocational-technical education encourages entrepreneurship among students through units of study and courses designed to prepare them to start and manage their own businesses;

 Whereas a strong vocational-technical education program planned and carried out by trained vocational-technical educators is vital to the future economic development of the Nation and to the well-being of its citizens;

Whereas the Future Business Leaders of America, the Future Homemakers of America and Home Economics Related Occupations, the Future Farmers of America, the Distributive Education Clubs of America, the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, the American Industrial Arts Student Association, the National Association of Trade and Technical Schools, the Health Occupation Students of America, the National Association of State Councils on Vocational Education, and the American Vocational Association have joined efforts to give added definition to vocational-technical education;

Whereas the planned theme for Vocational-Technical Education Week is “Vocational-Technical Education: It Works”: Now, therefore, be it
Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That February 11 through February 17, 1990, is designated as "Vocational-Technical Education Week", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such period with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

Approved February 14, 1990.