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House Resolution

A resolution designating March 6, 2003, as "Apprenticeship Day 2003" in Florida.

WHEREAS, apprenticeship training, a method of on-the-job teaching and classroom instruction practiced world-wide, has proven to be an efficient, economical way to preserve trade and craft skills vital to a nation's well-being, and

WHEREAS, it has been demonstrated repeatedly that apprentices who have completed their training generally earn higher salaries than do college graduates and that they are likely to continue in their chosen fields, thus contributing to a strong, healthy economy, and

WHEREAS, since Florida adopted apprenticeship training 55 years ago, tens of thousands of students 16 years of age and older have been equipped with the critical, industry-related knowledge and arts of skilled, sought-after craftspersons, and

WHEREAS, Florida consistently ranks in the top 10 percent nationally in the number of active apprenticeships, with 314 programs currently training 11,953 apprentices, and

WHEREAS, the strengths of a steady, diversified workforce are necessary for the state's economy to flourish and maintain its competitive edge both nationally and internationally, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida:

That March 6, 2003, be designated as "Apprenticeship Day 2003" in Florida.



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