

Senate Resolution 589

By: Senator Martin of the 9th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Georgia's nationally recognized Career, Technical, and
2 Agricultural Education program and the educators whose expertise prepares hundreds of
3 thousands of Georgia students for college and the workforce each year and during Career and
4 Technical education Month in February, and CTSO Day at the state capitol on February 13,
5 2020; and for other purposes.

6 WHEREAS, Georgia's Career, Technical and Agricultural (CTAE) educators delivered
7 instruction to over 385,000 students in fiscal year 2018 focused on preparing students for
8 their next steps after high school, including college, careers, apprenticeships, and the
9 military; and

10 WHEREAS, over 151,000 of these students are also members of Georgia Career Technical
11 Student Organization's (CTSOs) that foster competitions built around CTAE curriculum and
12 have earned nearly 700 national competitive awards and over \$600,000 in student
13 scholarships; and

14 WHEREAS, over 150,000 high school students completed a pathway in a specific industry
15 or job area in fiscal year 2018, and over 36,000 high school students earned an industry
16 recognized credential, allowing them to enter the workforce immediately upon graduation;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, students completing CTAE pathways graduated at a rate of 96.5% in fiscal year
19 2019, over 14 points higher than the state's general graduation rate; and

20 WHEREAS, Georgia's successful CTAE program was recognized with an Association for
21 Career and Technical Education Quality Association Standards Award for the fifth
22 consecutive year in 2019; and

23 WHEREAS, Georgia CTAE students receive high-quality instruction, counseling, and
24 support from members of the Georgia Association for Career and Technical Education
25 (GACTE), a state affiliate of ACTE that encourages teachers to become a part of a collective
26 voice that can influence issues and policies that impact CTAE education; and

27 WHEREAS, GACTE's members are involved in their communities and are working hard to
28 meet the industry needs where they teach to help fulfill those workforce needs while also
29 preparing students for post secondary education; and

30 WHEREAS, GACTE's members are advocates for CTAE in their communities across the
31 state and at the state capitol during the national Career and Technical Education Month in
32 February and through CTSO Day at the state capitol.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
34 recognize and commend Georgia's Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education program
35 and the professional members of the Georgia Association for Career and Technical Education
36 who work each day to prepare students for their futures during Career and Technical
37 Education Month and CTSO Day at the state capitol on February 13, 2020.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
39 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Career,
40 Technical, and Agricultural Education Division of the Georgia Department of Education and
41 the Georgia Association for Career and Technical Education.