

Senate Resolution 262

By: Senators Brass of the 28th, Thompson of the 14th, Miller of the 49th, Payne of the 54th and Dugan of the 30th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the graduation of the first certified cohort of high school apprentices trained in
2 accordance with the German model of apprenticeship; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia Consortium for Advanced Technical Training (GA CATT) is an
4 innovative and industry-led approach to education benchmarked on the German Dual
5 Education System, combining practice, theory, and work to train a globally competitive
6 workforce through an educational model developed together with technology leaders and
7 supported by the German American Chamber of Commerce of the Southern United States
8 (GACC South); and

9 WHEREAS, GACC South serves as the representative of German trade and industry in the
10 United States, supporting German businesses in their activities across 13 states in the
11 Southeast to foster transatlantic partnerships between industry in the United States and
12 Germany; and

13 WHEREAS, in 2016, GA CATT was launched by the GACC South in collaboration with
14 industry and academic partnerships to close gaps in manufacturing skills through the
15 implementation of internationally recognized German certification pathways; and

16 WHEREAS, the first Georgian apprentices have graduated and received their
17 internationally-accredited German certification as advanced manufacturing technicians; and

18 WHEREAS, the apprentices balanced a three-year training period in accordance with the
19 German model of apprenticeship, working at their host company and going to classes at their
20 local technical college as well as college and career academy; and

21 WHEREAS, the Georgia consortium for advanced technical training is the first and only
22 program in the United States that trains high school students for international certifications.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 honor the achievement of Georgia high school students trained and certified in accordance
25 with the German model of apprenticeship.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body honor E.G.O. Products, Kason
27 Industries, Nisshinbo Automotive, and Syntegon for their commitment to advancing
28 technical training in the State of Georgia.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body honor the Technical College
30 System of Georgia along with the West Georgia Technical College, the Georgia Piedmont
31 College, and the Coweta Central Education Center for their commitment to advancing
32 technical training in the State of Georgia.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body honor the German American
34 Chamber of Commerce of the Southern United States for supporting Georgia's workforce
35 development in the manufacturing sector and its commitment to developing the
36 internationally recognized German apprenticeship model in the great State of Georgia.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
38 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the first certified
39 cohort of high school apprentices trained in accordance with the German model of
40 apprenticeship.