

1 HJR152
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3 By Representative McCutcheon
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 23-APR-15

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 RECOGNIZING APRIL AS NATIONAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
4 MONTH.

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6 WHEREAS, Alabama's public community college system
7 is the state's single largest system of public higher
8 education and is Alabama's most affordable and accessible
9 system of higher education; and

10 WHEREAS, the three foundational pillars of the
11 Alabama Community College System, academic transfer, workforce
12 development, and adult education, make a positive impact on
13 the more than 250,000 people served annually and the people of
14 our great state; and

15 WHEREAS, with our unified network of 25 community
16 and technical colleges, Marion Military Institute (one of only
17 three public military two-year colleges in the country), and
18 89 instructional sites, community and technical colleges are
19 firmly planted in every county and are within easy reach of
20 every community in this state; additionally, the Alabama
21 Technology Network provides innovative technical assistance to
22 hundreds of businesses each year; and

23 WHEREAS, forty-one percent of all Alabamians
24 enrolled in public higher education are enrolled at an ACCS
25 institution, and approximately 15,000 community college

1 students transfer annually to a public four-year institution;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, more than 254,000 students in Alabama's
4 community colleges have utilized the Statewide Articulation
5 and Transfer Reporting System to assure the transfer of their
6 academic work toward bachelor's degrees at four-year
7 institutions since the articulation agreement's inception in
8 1998; and

9 WHEREAS, the Alabama Community College System
10 enrolled more than 8,100 high school students in its dual
11 enrollment and early college programs in 2014, providing high
12 achieving students with rigorous courses beyond those offered
13 at the secondary level, increasing college access to those who
14 would not otherwise be college bound, and awarding 3,700
15 scholarships during the past academic year to students
16 enrolled in ACCS career technical education courses, preparing
17 them for high wage, high demand occupations; and

18 WHEREAS, the Alabama Technology Network has worked
19 with more than 3,500 Alabama companies over the past decade,
20 providing technical assistance that improved efficiency and
21 profitability; ATN's work is credited with saving or retaining
22 14,000 jobs during that period; Alabama businesses, with the
23 help of ATN, increased profits by more than \$129,000,000
24 during 2014; and

1 WHEREAS, more than 450,000 working-age adults have
2 neither a high school diploma nor a GED; the Alabama Community
3 College System awarded more than 4,900 GED Certificates and
4 served more than 29,000 individuals through its adult literacy
5 education programs and services in 2014; and

6 WHEREAS, the community college system remains
7 committed to its mission of educating and training the people
8 of Alabama, thus building stronger communities and a stronger
9 economy; now therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
11 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize the
12 accomplishments of Alabama's public community college system
13 as it continues to fulfill its unique and distinctive mission
14 of providing a unified system of institutions delivering
15 accessible, affordable and superior educational opportunities,
16 and workforce training and services to all of Alabama,
17 yielding a well-educated, productive citizenry and a better
18 prepared workforce.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we recognize April as
20 National Community College Month in Alabama and urge all
21 Alabamians and business and industry leaders, who are
22 committed to developing Alabama's workforce for the 21st
23 century, to use and support their local community colleges.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 28-APR-15.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

07-MAY-15

Adopted