

Senate Resolution 302

By: Senator Brass of the 28th

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: Josiah Henderson, Patrick Hildenbrand, Cole
26 McKeehan, Nolan Miller, and Alexander Spencer.

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

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

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body honor the German American
35 Chamber of Commerce of the Southern United States for supporting Georgia's workforce

36 development in the manufacturing sector and its commitment to developing the
37 internationally recognized German apprenticeship model in the great State of Georgia.

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 first certified
40 cohort of high school apprentices trained in accordance with the German model of
41 apprenticeship.