

Senate Resolution 807

By: Senators Martin of the 9th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Black of the 8th, Sims of the 12th, Brass of the 28th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring 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 for other
4 purposes.

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

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

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

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

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

22 WHEREAS, Georgia CTAE students receive high-quality instruction, counseling, and
23 support from members of the Georgia Association for Career and Technical Education

24 (GACTE), a state affiliate of ACTE that encourages teachers to become a part of a collective
25 voice that can influence issues and policies that impact CTAE education; and

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

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

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GEORGIA STATE SENATE that the
33 members of this body honor and commend Georgia's Career, Technical and Agricultural
34 Education program and the professional members of the Georgia Association for Career and
35 Technical Education who work each day to prepare students for their futures during Career
36 and Technical Education Month.

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 Career,
39 Technical and Agricultural Education Division of the Georgia Department of Education and
40 the Georgia Association for Career and Technical Education.