

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7019

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Henry Brooks, National SkillsUSA gold medal winner.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly recognize those industrious, talented young people of Tennessee who bring pride and honor to their home State; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Henry Brooks, who recently garnered a gold medal in the Computer Numeric Control (CNC) Programmer category at the SkillsUSA national championship in Atlanta, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, SkillsUSA is a national nonprofit partnership of students, instructors, and more than 650 corporations, trade associations, businesses, and labor unions that works to ensure that America has the skilled workforce it needs to stay competitive; founded in 1965 and endorsed by the United States Department of Education, the association serves more than 331,000 students and instructors each year in middle schools, high schools, and colleges, focusing on 130 trade, technical, and skilled-service occupations; and

WHEREAS, a student at the Tennessee College of Applied Technology Greene Technology Center, Mr. Brooks claimed victory in the state-level CNC Programmer competition before besting champions from all other states in national competition; and

WHEREAS, prior to his collegiate victory, Mr. Brooks won the state-level competition in the CNC Programmer category his senior year; as a home-schooled student, he studied machine tool technology at Greene Technology Center for eight semesters, while also earning eight credit hours at Northeast State Community College in machine tool studies and more than 400 hours of dual enrollment with TCAT Morristown; and

WHEREAS, he has earned two National Institute of Metalworking Skills industry certifications and six Precision Measuring Instruments industry certifications through the National Coalition of Certification Centers; and

WHEREAS, Henry Brooks's display of aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success, and his dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of our respect, admiration, and commendation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we commend and congratulate Henry Brooks upon his first-place finish in the Computer Numeric Control Programmer competition at the SkillsUSA national championship, extending our best wishes for much continued success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.