

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to pass, and the
2 President of the United States to sign, legislation that will
3 make apprenticeships more affordable for individuals seeking
4 a skills-based education.

5 WHEREAS, The current PA 529 College Savings Program applies
6 to qualified college expenses like tuition, books, room and
7 board and other learning technologies; and

8 WHEREAS, PA 529 College Savings Plans make college more
9 affordable for middle-class families by allowing families to
10 finance their education tax free; and

11 WHEREAS, In 2015 and 2016, more than 24,000 Pennsylvanians
12 benefited from \$84 million in earnings from the PA 529
13 Guaranteed Savings Plan (GSP) and the PA 529 Investment Plan
14 (IP) college saving plans; and

15 WHEREAS, While PA 529 College Savings Plans help individuals
16 seeking a college education, they do not always help those who
17 have sought careers in the trades; and

18 WHEREAS, States are limited in how far they can depart from

1 each house of Congress and each member of Congress from
2 Pennsylvania.