

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 54

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A RESOLUTION to encourage schools, nonprofit organizations, and faith-based organizations to increase opportunities for mentorships and apprenticeships for students.

WHEREAS, mentoring programs in schools have proven to be a cost-efficient way of increasing the positive relationships students have in their lives, while also having the potential to boost factors that can lead to educational success; and

WHEREAS, similarly, apprenticeships for students during their high school years expose them to career pathways and prepare them for success in the workplace and further education after high school; and

WHEREAS, community-based mentoring programs operated by nonprofit organizations or faith-based organizations can help ensure that today's students have the tools and support they need to succeed by improving social skills, bolstering self-esteem, and providing career exploration while also supporting academic activities; and

WHEREAS, by working together, local businesses, schools, nonprofit organizations, and faith-based organizations can establish apprenticeships that provide a new way to engage students to connect careers with post-secondary education, increasing the potential for success during and after high school; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of mentoring and apprenticeship programs in the State of Tennessee by schools, nonprofit organizations, and faith-based organizations would be a benefit to countless students in the areas of educational attainment, future employment potential, and social well-being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we encourage schools, nonprofit organizations, and faith-based organizations to increase opportunities for mentorships and apprenticeships for students in Tennessee.