WHEREAS, There is a critical shortage of vocational and technical education programs to meet the existing and anticipated needs of the people at the local, state, and national level; and

WHEREAS, There is an urgent need for teachers, researchers, coordinators, supervisors, teacher educators and administrators in vocational and technical education; and

WHEREAS, Projections indicate that many workers will need to be retrained several times during their productive years; and

WHEREAS, A major portion of the current and future labor force will require training and retraining in occupations where vocational and technical programs can meet their needs; and

WHEREAS, The economy and future development of the state are vitally related to the trained manpower made available through these vocational and technical programs; and

WHEREAS, The needed maintenance, improvement, and expansion of vocational programs meeting the needs of individuals is critical and without alleviation from existing provisions, grants-in-aid, and other support throughout the public schools, institutions, and agencies of government; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers supports efforts to secure appropriate funds for an adequate program of vocational and technical education, and a program of scholarships, fellowships, educational stipends, or other financial aids to stimulate individuals to seek training and retraining in vocational and technical education for occupations in the State of Missouri.

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