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July 1, 2014

A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF DR. CARL SCHENCK, FOR WHOM THE TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY JOB CORPS IS NAMED; ARTHUR H. WHITE, FIRST CENTER DIRECTOR OF THE OCONALUFTEE JOB CORPS CONSERVATION CENTER; CAPP PRICE, FIRST CENTER DIRECTOR OF THE LYNDON B. JOHNSON CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CENTER; AND GEORGE AND ELIZABETH KITTRELL, CRITICAL ENABLERS OF THE KITTRELL JOB CORPS CENTER, WHILE RECOGNIZING AUGUST 18-22, 2014, AS "CELEBRATE JOB CORPS 50 WEEK."

Whereas, over the course of 50 years, millions of at-risk youth have been forever changed by Job Corps' comprehensive residential, academic, and career preparation program; and

Whereas, the North Carolina Job Corps Centers located in North Carolina in the cities of Brevard, Cherokee, Franklin, and Kittrell provide a vital service to our communities by serving thousands of disadvantaged youth between 16 and 24 years of age, inclusive, by providing high school diplomas and career technical education to young men and women, all of whom come from very low-income households and are either unemployed or underemployed; and

Whereas, in addition to academic and employment training, the North Carolina Job Corps Centers provide social skills and employability skills training, as well as career success standards and other services to empower these young men and women to obtain and hold a job, enroll in advanced training, enroll in AmeriCorps, attend college, or enter the Armed Forces to defend the interests of the United States around the world; and

Whereas, over the past 50 years, thousands of dropouts have received a fully accredited public high school credential, earned an industry-recognized vocational credential, and entered employment; and

Whereas, the North Carolina Job Corps Centers stimulate millions of dollars in economic activity each year and directly and indirectly support thousands of jobs; and

Whereas, it is timely and appropriate that North Carolina celebrate Job Corps and its accomplishments in reducing the cycle of poverty, strengthening our local communities, and improving the quality of thousands of lives; and

Whereas, while some historians note that the first Job Corps opened in January of 1965, at Camp Catoctin, Maryland, the Camp Arrowood Job Corps Center opened with six students on August 27, 1964, in the town of Franklin, North Carolina, which was later renamed the Lyndon B. Johnson Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center in honor of our 36th President of the United States, under whose administration Job Corps was founded; and



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Whereas, two of Lyndon B. Johnson Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center's most influential leaders included the Center's first director, Capp Price, who was instrumental in garnering support for the Center, and residential manager, Norman Seay, a well-known and respected member of his community, who served in that capacity for 26 years; and

Whereas, the Schenck Job Corps in Transylvania County is named for Dr. Carl Schenck, who was America's pioneering forestry educator; and

Whereas, Arthur H. White served as the first Director of the Oconaluftee Job Corps Conservation Center; and

Whereas, George and Elizabeth Kittrell were critical enablers of the Kittrell Job Corps Center; and

Whereas, recognizing August 18 through August 22, 2014, as "Celebrate Job Corps 50 Week" is a fitting testimony to some of the individuals connected to the Job Corps centers in North Carolina: Now, therefore.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

SECTION 1. The House of Representatives honors the memory of Dr. Carl Schenck, Capp Price, Norman Seay, Arthur H. White, and George and Elizabeth Kittrell and expresses its appreciation for their contributions to our State and nation.

SECTION 2. The House of Representatives urges the residents of this State to salute the Kittrell, Lyndon B. Johnson, Oconaluftee, and Schenck Job Corps Centers and the national Job Corps program for 50 years of success and continued success for 50 more years to come.

SECTION 3. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

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