2017 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 76

September 13, 2017 - Introduced by Representatives MURPHY and PETRYK. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: honoring the 30th anniversary of the ABC apprenticeship program.

Whereas, the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) has built, sustained, and expanded collegial and committed partnerships in order to provide apprenticeship opportunities for individuals and employers throughout the state; and

Whereas, ABC of Wisconsin is celebrating the 30th anniversary of the initial approval of its Apprenticeship Training Standards, which occurred on August 3, 1987; and

Whereas, the first set of apprentices were contracted into the program in December of 1987; and

Whereas, ABC of Wisconsin has trained thousands of construction apprentices over the past 30 years; and

Whereas, countless apprenticeship graduates have advanced to leadership and even ownership positions with their companies and within the industry; and
Whereas, a number of their graduates have gone on to earn associate, bachelor’s, and master’s degrees; and

Whereas, ABC of Wisconsin currently is training nearly 1,300 apprentices in 12 different trades; and

Whereas, ABC of Wisconsin currently trains roughly half of the electrical apprentices in the state; and

Whereas, ABC of Wisconsin works with 11 different technical college districts in the apprenticeship program; and

Whereas, largely, ABC of Wisconsin members fund their own employees’ training; and

Whereas, some ABC Wisconsin graduates have found their way off of public assistance to a long-term career in construction; and

Whereas, almost 100 percent of ABC of Wisconsin construction apprentices stay in Wisconsin and pay taxes, raise families, and help build Wisconsin; and

Whereas, the median wage for graduates of construction apprenticeship programs is $69,000; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the legislature honors the ABC apprenticeship program on its 30th anniversary.

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