

By: Representative McAlindon

By: Senator J. Dotson

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

TO CELEBRATE AND COMMEND NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S NATIONALLY LEADING AND INDUSTRY-TRANSFORMING BICYCLE ASSEMBLY & REPAIR TECHNICIAN AND TRAIL TECHNICIAN PROGRAMS.

Subtitle

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WHEREAS, NorthWest Arkansas Community College has set a national standard in workforce training by developing two (2) groundbreaking programs, the accredited Bicycle Assembly & Repair Technician program and the Trail Technician program, both of which stand as models for excellence and innovation; and

WHEREAS, the accredited Bicycle Assembly & Repair Technician program is one (1) of only two (2) in the nation, and this distinction sets NorthWest Arkansas Community College apart as a leader in the industry; and

WHEREAS, the accredited Bicycle Assembly & Repair Technician program was developed in partnership with the Bicycle Industry Employers Association and provides students with one (1) year of specialized training that equates to seven (7) years of hands-on shop experience; and



WHEREAS, supported by a three-year grant from the Walton Family Charitable Support Foundation, Inc., NorthWest Arkansas Community College's state-of-the-art bicycle technician lab used in the accredited Bicycle Assembly & Repair Technician program ensures students receive cutting-edge training in repair and mechanics; and

WHEREAS, by raising the professionalism and skill level of bicycle mechanics via the accredited Bicycle Assembly & Repair Technician program, NorthWest Arkansas Community College is directly shaping the future of the bicycle industry; and

WHEREAS, the Trail Technician program, the only one of its kind in the world, sets a new benchmark for workforce training in trail planning, building, and maintenance education; and

WHEREAS, the Trail Technician program offers a semester-long and a year-long certification that prepares students for careers in community development, trail construction, and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the Trail Technician program provides training to students nationwide, including fifty (50) United States Forest Service participants, some of whom earned the Trail Management Certified Professional credential; and

WHEREAS, the Trail Technician program has established industry-recognized standards for trail technology via its National Occupational Competency Testing Institute Trail Technician Level 1 assessment; and

WHEREAS, no other institution in the world offers such a comprehensive, industry-driven program in this field; and

WHEREAS, both the accredited Bicycle & Repair Technician program and the Trail Technician program have earned national and international credibility through collaboration, and the Trail Technician program in particular has partnered with the Professional TrailBuilders Association, American Trails, the DIRTT Project in Europe, the Forest Service, the

National Park Service, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Business and Industry Leadership Team model of implementation for employer engagement; and

WHEREAS, through visionary leadership, strategic partnerships, and a commitment to hands-on, real-world training, NorthWest Arkansas Community College is not just setting the standard but defining the future of both bicycle technology and trail development on a national and global scale,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN, OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring therein, proudly celebrate and commend NorthWest Arkansas Community College and its faculty, students, and industry partners for pioneering these one-of-a-kind programs that are transforming their respective industries.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be presented to the leadership of NorthWest Arkansas Community College by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.