



## 2023 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 38

May 8, 2023 - Introduced by Senators FEYEN, BALLWEG, COWLES, MARKLEIN, NASS, SPREITZER, WIRCH and FELZKOWSKI, cosponsored by Representatives MOSES, ARMSTRONG, BINSFELD, EDMING, GREEN, KITCHENS, MURPHY, MURSAU, MYERS, NOVAK, O'CONNOR, PALMERI, PENTERMAN, PETRYK, RETTINGER, SCHRAA, SHELTON, SINICKI, SPIROS, STEFFEN, TITTL, TRANEL, VANDERMEER, HURD and ROZAR. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1     **Relating to:** celebrating May 5, 2023, as Skilled Trades Day in Wisconsin.

2             Whereas, the construction industry is one of our nation's largest industries, and  
3     those in the skilled trades work in critical, rewarding, high-paying, high-demand  
4     jobs that cannot be outsourced overseas; and

5             Whereas, according to the Associated Builders and Contractors, over one in four  
6     construction workers are over 55 years old, and the construction industry will need  
7     to attract an estimated 546,000 additional workers on top of the normal pace of hiring  
8     in 2023; and

9             Whereas, Wisconsin's world-renowned registered apprentice program allows  
10    inexperienced individuals of any age to participate in structured, on-the-job  
11    training with classroom instruction where they earn while they learn; and

12            Whereas, according to the Wisconsin Technical College System, the annual  
13    median salary for all graduated construction apprentices is \$87,000; and

