

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING JANUARY 31, 2017 "CAREER AND TECHNICAL STUDENT
3 ORGANIZATIONS LEADERSHIP DAY" IN THE SENATE.

4
5 WHEREAS, the business professionals of America;
6 DECA inc.; skillsUSA inc.; family, career and community
7 leaders of America; HOSA-future health professionals; and the
8 technology student association are premier youth leadership
9 organizations in New Mexico; and

10 WHEREAS, these career and technical student
11 organizations engage members in co-curricular career and
12 technical educational activities to meet the needs of a
13 well-trained and prepared workforce for the twenty-first
14 century; and

15 WHEREAS, these career and technical student
16 organizations sponsor chapters in rural and urban areas
17 throughout the state; and

18 WHEREAS, six thousand two hundred ten youths in middle
19 school, high school and post-secondary educational
20 institutions actively participate in these organizations'
21 career and technical youth development programs statewide;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, these youth development programs are diverse
24 and help participants to acquire important life skills, such
25 as leadership, responsible citizenship, critical thinking,

1 problem solving, decision-making and communication skills;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, these attributes directly contribute to the
4 members' successful transition into productive adults; and

5 WHEREAS, these youth development program participants
6 have a higher graduation rate than New Mexico students who
7 are not members of a career and technical student
8 organization; and

9 WHEREAS, these youth development program participants
10 report having more confidence and positive self-identity,
11 greater control in their lives and a better ability to make
12 decisions independently; and

13 WHEREAS, program participants also report that they set
14 goals and take responsibility for their actions, that they
15 take pride in many aspects of their lives and that their
16 lives have purpose and meaning;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
18 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 31, 2017 be declared "Career
19 and Technical Student Organizations Leadership Day" in the
20 senate; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the many contributions of
22 the six career and technical student organizations' members
23 be recognized; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
25 transmitted to the business professionals of America;

1 DECA inc.; skillsUSA inc.; family, career and community
2 leaders of America; the HOSA-future health professionals; and
3 the technology student association. _____

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