

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING JANUARY 25, 2016 "CAREER AND TECHNICAL STUDENT  
3 ORGANIZATIONS LEADERSHIP DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, the business professionals of America; the  
6 distributive education clubs of America; skillsUSA,  
7 incorporated; family, career and community leaders of  
8 America; the health occupations students of America-future  
9 health professionals; and the technology student association  
10 are premier youth leadership organizations in New Mexico; and

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

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

19 WHEREAS, six thousand three hundred twenty-five youths  
20 in middle school, high school and post-secondary educational  
21 institutions actively participate in the organizations'  
22 career and technical youth development programs statewide;  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, the youth development programs are diverse and  
25 help participants to acquire important life skills such as

1 leadership, responsible citizenship, critical thinking,  
2 problem solving, decision-making and communication skills;  
3 and

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

6 WHEREAS, the youth development program participants  
7 report having more confidence and positive self-identity,  
8 greater control in their lives, a higher graduation rate than  
9 New Mexico students who are not members of a career and  
10 technical student organization and a better ability to make  
11 decisions independently; and

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

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
17 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 25, 2016 be declared "Career  
18 and Technical Student Organizations Leadership Day" in the  
19 senate; and

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

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
24 transmitted to the business professionals of America; the  
25 distributive education clubs of America; skillsUSA,

1 incorporated; family, career and community leaders of America;  
2 the health occupations students of America-future health  
3 professionals; and the technology student association.=====

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