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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING JANUARY 31, 2017 "CAREER AND TECHNICAL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS LEADERSHIP DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, these youth development programs are diverse and help participants to acquire important life skills, such

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

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

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

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
19 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 31,
20 2017 be declared "Career and Technical Student Organizations
21 Leadership Day" in the house of representatives; and

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

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

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

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