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SENATE MEMORIAL 28

53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017

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A MEMORIAL

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

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

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

5 WHEREAS, these youth development programs are diverse and
6 help participants to acquire important life skills, such as
7 leadership, responsible citizenship, critical thinking, problem
8 solving, decision-making and communication skills; and

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

11 WHEREAS, these youth development program participants have
12 a higher graduation rate than New Mexico students who are not
13 members of a career and technical student organization; and

14 WHEREAS, these youth development program participants
15 report having more confidence and positive self-identity,
16 greater control in their lives and a better ability to make
17 decisions independently; and

18 WHEREAS, program participants also report that they set
19 goals and take responsibility for their actions, that they take
20 pride in many aspects of their lives and that their lives have
21 purpose and meaning;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
23 OF NEW MEXICO that January 31, 2017 be declared "Career and
24 Technical Student Organizations Leadership Day" in the senate;
25 and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the many contributions of the
2 six career and technical student organizations' members be
3 recognized; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
5 transmitted to the business professionals of America; DECA
6 inc.; skillsUSA inc.; family, career and community leaders of
7 America; the HOSA-future health professionals; and the
8 technology student association.

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