

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING JANUARY 29, 2018 "NEW MEXICO STATE-CHARTERED CAREER
3 AND TECHNICAL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, business professionals of America; distributive
6 education clubs of America; family, career and community
7 leaders of America; future health professionals; skillsUSA;
8 and the technology student association have been vital
9 state-chartered youth leadership organizations in New Mexico
10 for more than seventy years; and

11 WHEREAS, these six state-chartered career and technical
12 student organizations sponsor chapters in rural and urban
13 areas throughout the state; and

14 WHEREAS, more than six thousand youths in middle school,
15 high school and post-secondary educational institutions
16 participate in these youth leadership organizations, engaging
17 students in career pathways with national certifications; and

18 WHEREAS, state-chartered career and technical student
19 organization youth development programs are diverse and help
20 participants to acquire important career and life skills,
21 such as leadership, responsible citizenship, critical
22 thinking, problem solving, decision making, conflict
23 resolution and communication skills; and

24 WHEREAS, these skills directly contribute to the
25 successful transition of young people into productive adults

1 who may enter college, the military or the workforce; and

2 WHEREAS, New Mexico state-chartered career and technical
3 student organizations day is meant to increase awareness and
4 garner support for education, innovation, entrepreneurship
5 and career success; and

6 WHEREAS, New Mexico celebrates career and technical
7 education programs for their contributions to the development
8 and expansion of New Mexico's economy by providing a highly
9 skilled and academically prepared workforce; and

10 WHEREAS, New Mexico's governing bodies are encouraged to
11 attract industries that offer high-paying jobs requiring high
12 skills in the fields of business; marketing; technology;
13 medicine and health; hospitality; tourism; information
14 technology; finance; human services; education; science,
15 technology, engineering and mathematics; public safety;
16 construction; welding; logistics; manufacturing;
17 architecture; and communications; and

18 WHEREAS, these six state-chartered career and technical
19 student organizations prepare students to contribute to the
20 state's economic development and to the nation's demands in
21 meeting workforce needs; and

22 WHEREAS, these six state-chartered career and technical
23 student organizations provide business and industry
24 partnership opportunities and offer hands-on, experiential
25 classroom training;

