## A MEMORIAL

DECLARING JANUARY 29, 2018 "NEW MEXICO STATE-CHARTERED CAREER AND TECHNICAL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, these skills directly contribute to the

successful transition of young people into productive adults who may enter college, the military or the workforce; and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, these six state-chartered career and technical student organizations provide business and industry partnership opportunities and offer hands-on, experiential

1	classroom training;	
2	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF	
3	REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 29,	
4	2018 be declared "New Mexico State-Chartered Career and	
5	Technical Student Organizations Day" in the house of	
6	representatives; and	
7	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contributions of	
8	business professionals of America; distributive education	
9	clubs of America; family, career and community leaders of	
10	America; future health professionals; skillsUSA; and the	
11	technology student association be recognized; and	
12	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that academic and technical	
13	skills training and certifications for high-skill,	
14	high-paying jobs be supported by the state; and	
15	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be	
16	transmitted to the governor and the director of the New Mexico	
17	career technical leadership project	HM 27
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