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**53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018**

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

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

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1 students in career pathways with national certifications; and

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

8 WHEREAS, these skills directly contribute to the  
9 successful transition of young people into productive adults  
10 who may enter college, the military or the workforce; and

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

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

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

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1 and communications; and

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

6 WHEREAS these six state-chartered career and technical  
7 student organizations provide business and industry partnership  
8 opportunities and offer hands-on, experiential classroom  
9 training;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
11 OF NEW MEXICO that January 29, 2018 be declared "New Mexico  
12 State-Chartered Career and Technical Student Organizations Day"  
13 in the senate; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contributions of business  
15 professionals of America; distributive education clubs of  
16 America; family, career and community leaders of America;  
17 future health professionals; skillsUSA; and the technology  
18 student association be recognized; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that academic and technical skills  
20 training and certifications for high-skill, high-paying jobs be  
21 supported by the state; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
23 transmitted to the governor and the director of the New Mexico  
24 career technical leadership project.

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