A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT RECOGNITION BE EXTENDED TO THE CAREER AND TECHNICAL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS OF NEW MEXICO FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE STATE AND DECLARING FEBRUARY 8, 2010 AS "TECHNICAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM DAY" IN THE NEW MEXICO SENATE.

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WHEREAS, career and technical student organizations are an integral and vital component of career technical education and contribute to a well-developed high school curriculum providing rigor and relevance for academics, work ethic and patriotism; and

WHEREAS, these student organizations involve an estimated ten thousand students statewide in skill-based educational programs, including classroom instruction, work-based learning and community services; and

WHEREAS, these student organizations provide leadership development and competitive activities at the local, state, national and international levels; and

WHEREAS, these student organizations have developed effective partnerships with businesses, trade associations and professional organizations; and

WHEREAS, these student organizations support the economy by preparing students for the workplace, improving employment opportunities and building students' self-esteem and

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confidence; and

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WHEREAS, career and technical student organizations include the business professionals of America; distributive education clubs of America; family, career and community leaders of America; health occupations students of America; future farmers of America; skillsUSA; and the technology student association;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that recognition be extended to the career and technical student organizations of New Mexico for their service to the residents of the state and that February 8, 2010 be declared "Technical Leadership Program Day" in the New Mexico senate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be 14 15 transmitted to the business professionals of America; distributive education clubs of America; family, career and 16 community leaders of America; health occupations students of 17 America; future farmers of America; skillsUSA; and the 18 technology student association._____ SM 24 19

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