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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of Texas SkillsUSA-VICA, an organization  
2 for students engaged in trade and industrial education, are  
3 visiting the State Capitol on February 10, 2003; and

4 WHEREAS, With roots in Texas dating back to 1948, Texas  
5 SkillsUSA-VICA currently serves nearly 15,500 student and  
6 professional members through more than 1,000 chapters in public,  
7 trade, and technical schools; a collaborative effort of educators,  
8 representatives of the private sector, and government, the  
9 organization integrates classroom and workplace training in order  
10 to provide a sound foundation for future success; and

11 WHEREAS, Texas SkillsUSA-VICA seeks to increase students'  
12 understanding of relevant technologies, develop their leadership  
13 and interpersonal skills, encourage problem-solving ability and  
14 critical thinking, and instill solid work habits; the program  
15 further strives to foster a sense of civic responsibility and to  
16 enhance students' knowledge of government and the legislative  
17 process; and

18 WHEREAS, Members of Texas SkillsUSA-VICA have an opportunity  
19 to test their abilities in local, state, and national competitions;  
20 challenging students to excel beyond the classroom, the annual  
21 national SkillsUSA Championships feature 73 occupational and  
22 leadership skill events; and

23 WHEREAS, Every other year, Texas members have the additional  
24 opportunity to meet in a mock legislative session; following house

1 rules, delegates debate and vote on their own legislative  
2 proposals; and

3 WHEREAS, Texas SkillsUSA-VICA is playing a crucial role in  
4 developing the full range of knowledge and abilities that young  
5 Texans will need in order to realize a bright and fulfilling future,  
6 and it is a pleasure to acknowledge the contributions this  
7 organization is making to the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby recognize February 10, 2003, as Texas  
10 SkillsUSA-VICA Day at the State Capitol and honor all those  
11 involved with this exceptional program for their admirable efforts  
12 and hard work.