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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 students and
6 professional members through more than 1,450 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.