

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 47**

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

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, Every other year, Texas members have the additional opportunity to meet in a mock legislative session,

during which delegates debate and vote on their own legislative proposals; and

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

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

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 10, 2003.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate