



2026 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Commemoration 804

Introduced by: **Senator Crabtree**

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION recognizing February as National Career and**
2 **Technical Education and National Career and Technical Student Organizations**
3 **Month.**

4 WHEREAS, South Dakota career and technical education reaches more than 30,000
5 students in grades 7-12 and develops in those students the skill of adaptability, motivation to
6 grow, and passion for industry, alongside job-specific skills; and

7 WHEREAS, South Dakota career and technical educators provide unique and hands-on
8 experiences that empower and prepare students to be leaders in their future careers;

9 WHEREAS, South Dakota career and technical student organizations enrich students with
10 opportunities for professional development, leadership, and industry-specific skills by
11 collaborating with educators and industry professionals;

12 WHEREAS, South Dakota career and technical student organizations continue to grow in
13 size and depth of programming, with current membership numbers including 6,500 FFA
14 members, 500 Future Business Leaders of America members, 1,300 HOSA-Future Health
15 Professionals members, 500 SkillsUSA members, 600 Educators Rising members, and 1,600
16 Family, Career and Community Leaders of America members; and

17 WHEREAS, South Dakota career and technical student organizations continue to inspire
18 young leaders to explore diverse career paths within their respective organization by traveling
19 the state and visiting other chapters, by providing leadership lessons, and by connecting with
20 industry professionals to help bridge the gap between the classroom and professional careers;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the One Hundred First Legislature of the
22 State of South Dakota, that February is recognized as National Career and Technical Education
23 and National Career and Technical Student Organization month.