WHEREAS, DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management in high schools and colleges around the globe; and

WHEREAS, DECA is organized into two unique student divisions, each with programs designed to address the learning styles, interest and focus of its members. The High School Division includes 200,000 members in 3,500 schools worldwide; and

WHEREAS, With a nearly 70-year history, DECA has impacted the lives of more than ten million students, educators, school administrators and business professionals since its founding in 1946. DECA's strong connection with local organizations has resonated into a brand that people identify as a remarkable experience in the preparation of emerging leaders and entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, The East Providence High School Chapter of DECA, under the leadership of Chapter President Sam Lawrence, engaged in DECA community service, advocacy and outreach campaigns during the 2015 Career and Technical Education Month, completing three school outreach activities, three public policymaker outreach activities, and three community outreach activities; and

WHEREAS, Included in the school's community outreach activities was Operation Comfort Pack, which is a charity dedicated to providing children entering the foster care system...
with backpacks filled with necessities that will make their transition into a new home much
easier; and

WHEREAS, For their efforts in conjunction with this charity, the members of the East
Providence High School DECA Chapter were awarded 1st place in the Community Service
Project competition for Rhode Island; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
Providence Plantations hereby recognizes Career and Technical Education Month and commends
the East Providence High School DECA Chapter for its continued efforts to raise awareness of
career and technical education in our state; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Sam Lawrence, President, East Providence
High School Chapter of DECA.