WHEREAS, formerly known as the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA), Skills USA is a national organization for students preparing for technical, skilled, and service occupations, including health careers; and

WHEREAS, Skills USA is dedicated to helping students become high performance workers through quality educational experiences in leadership, cooperation, citizenship, and character development; and

WHEREAS, Skills USA is a method of instruction which helps build and reinforce self-confidence, positive work attitudes, and strong communications skills.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 13 - 19, 2005, as

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throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the many positive contributions made by Skills USA to workforce readiness.