

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 58 Session of 2011

INTRODUCED BY M.K. KELLER, MAHER, BAKER, BEAR, BENNINGHOFF, BLOOM, BOBACK, BOYD, BRADFORD, BROOKS, CAUSER, CUTLER, DALEY, DELOZIER, DENLINGER, DIGIROLAMO, ELLIS, EVERETT, FLECK, FREEMAN, GABLER, GEIST, GEORGE, GIBBONS, GILLESPIE, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GRELL, GROVE, HARHAI, HARHART, HARRIS, HENNESSEY, HESS, HICKERNELL, HUTCHINSON, KAVULICH, KORTZ, KRIEGER, LONGIETTI, MAJOR, MALONEY, MARSHALL, MASSER, MATZIE, METZGAR, MILLARD, MIRABITO, MOUL, MUSTIO, OBERLANDER, O'NEILL, PASHINSKI, PAYNE, PAYTON, PEIFER, PETRARCA, PICKETT, PYLE, QUINN, RAPP, READSHAW, ROAE, ROCK, ROEBUCK, ROSS, SAINATO, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, SCHRODER, SONNEY, STERN, STEVENSON, SWANGER, TALLMAN, VULAKOVICH, WATSON, WHITE, F. KELLER, KNOWLES AND MILLER, FEBRUARY 8, 2011

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
FEBRUARY 8, 2011

## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of February 19 through 26, 2011, as "FFA  
2 Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Future Farmers of America, now The National FFA  
4 Organization (FFA), has grown from its agricultural beginnings  
5 into a broad-spectrum leadership incubator; and

6 WHEREAS, The FFA creed expresses belief in the future of  
7 agriculture: "with a faith born not of words but of deeds"; and

8 WHEREAS, In accordance with the FFA motto, members serve  
9 their chapter, community and country by cultivating friendships  
10 and planting new ideas and seeds of hope wherever they go:  
11 "learning to do, doing to learn, earning to live, living to  
12 serve"; and

WHEREAS, The FFA State Theme is: "Act Today - Impact Tomorrow"; and

WHEREAS, The FFA National Theme is: "Infinite Potential"; and

WHEREAS, FFA in the 21st century welcomes young women and young men with diverse backgrounds, and FFA membership has reached a 24-year record high; and

WHEREAS, More than 520,000 FFA members from 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands are learning to be successful leaders in production agriculture, agribusiness, agriscience and other fields; and

WHEREAS, Many FFA members live far from working farms but have an interest in related fields like food science, turf management and horticulture; and

WHEREAS, FFA members who live in rural areas now represent 27% of the national organization; and

WHEREAS, Females comprise 37% of total membership and nearly 50% of all FFA officer teams; and

WHEREAS, Young people across this Commonwealth continue to wear the traditional blue corduroy jacket which distinguishes FFA members; and

WHEREAS, State President Kerri Wickard of Shippensburg represents today's diverse FFA; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the week of February 19 through 26, 2011, as "FFA Week" in Pennsylvania and congratulate the members, advisers and parents involved with this exemplary youth organization.