
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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STERN, STEVENSON, SWANGER, THOMAS, TOEPEL, WATSON, WHITE AND
YOUNGBLOOD, FEBRUARY 4, 2014

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
FEBRUARY 4, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of February 16 through 22, 2014, 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

13 WHEREAS, The FFA State Theme is: "Building the Future" and

1 the FFA National Theme is: "Ignite"; and

2 WHEREAS, The FFA in the 21st century welcomes young women and
3 young men with diverse backgrounds, and FFA membership has
4 reached a 27-year record high; and

5 WHEREAS, More than 579,000 FFA members from 50 states, Puerto
6 Rico and the Virgin Islands are learning to be successful
7 leaders in production agriculture, agribusiness, agriscience and
8 other fields; and

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

12 WHEREAS, FFA members who live in rural areas now represent
13 27% of the national organization; and

14 WHEREAS, Females comprise 37% of total membership and nearly
15 50% of all FFA officer teams; and

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

19 WHEREAS, State President Christopher Toeves of Mechanicsburg
20 represents today's diverse FFA; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
22 week of February 16 through 22, 2014, as "FFA Week" in
23 Pennsylvania and congratulate the members, advisers and parents
24 involved with this exemplary youth organization.