
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 67 Session of 2017

INTRODUCED BY M. K. KELLER, CAUSER, BURNS, CUTLER, MACKENZIE, D. COSTA, BAKER, MATZIE, RAPP, BLOOM, HENNESSEY, SANKEY, CORBIN, GREINER, PETRARCA, KORTZ, KINSEY, V. BROWN, DIAMOND, PASHINSKI, PICKETT, MARSHALL, BOBACK, HAHN, SONNEY, DUSH, WATSON, MALONEY, MURT, MILLARD, SCHLEGEL CULVER, KAUFFMAN, LONGIETTI, DOWLING, METZGAR, TOPPER, HICKERNELL, CALTAGIRONE, FEE, TOEPEL, PEIFER, REED, LAWRENCE, KNOWLES, EVERETT, PHILLIPS-HILL, A. HARRIS, SAYLOR, FREEMAN, MARSICO, READSHAW, MENTZER, O'NEILL, IRVIN, RYAN, WARD, SAINATO, NEILSON, M. QUINN, GABLER, HEFFLEY, JOZWIAK, WHEELAND, WENTLING AND KEEFER, FEBRUARY 6, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, FEBRUARY 6, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of February 18 through 25, 2017, 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: "ACTIVATE: Purpose, Passion,

1 Potential"; and

2 WHEREAS, The FFA National Theme is: "Transform" with a tag
3 line of "Purpose to Action"; and

4 WHEREAS, The FFA in the 21st century welcomes young women and
5 young men with diverse backgrounds; and

6 WHEREAS, FFA membership has reached an all-time record high;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, More than 640,000 FFA members from 50 states, Puerto
9 Rico and the Virgin Islands are learning to be successful
10 leaders in production agriculture, agribusiness, agriscience and
11 nine other fields; and

12 WHEREAS, Many FFA members live far from working farms yet
13 have an interest in related fields such as food science, turf
14 management and horticulture; and

15 WHEREAS, FFA members who live in rural areas now represent
16 27% of the national organization; and

17 WHEREAS, Females comprise 37% of total membership and nearly
18 50% of all FFA officer teams; and

19 WHEREAS, More than 13,000 young people across this
20 Commonwealth continue to wear the traditional blue corduroy
21 jacket that distinguishes FFA members; and

22 WHEREAS, State FFA President Libby Baker-Mikesell of Port
23 Royal, Juniata County, represents today's diverse FFA; therefore
24 be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
26 week of February 18 through 25, 2017, as "FFA Week" in
27 Pennsylvania and congratulate the members, advisers and parents
28 involved with this exemplary youth organization.