

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, FEBRUARY 6, 2009

## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of February 21 through 28, 2009, 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

1   serve"; and

2       WHEREAS, The FFA State Theme is: "Success...One Step At A  
3   Time"; and

4       WHEREAS, The FFA National Theme is: "Step Up - Stand Out";  
5   and

6       WHEREAS, FFA in the 21st century welcomes young women and  
7   young men with diverse backgrounds, and FFA membership has  
8   reached a 23-year record high; and

9       WHEREAS, Nearly 500,000 FFA members from 50 states, Puerto  
10   Rico and the Virgin Islands are learning to be successful  
11   leaders in production agriculture, agribusiness, agriscience and  
12   other fields; and

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

16       WHEREAS, FFA members who live in rural areas now represent  
17   27% of the national organization; and

18       WHEREAS, Females comprise 37% of total membership and nearly  
19   50% of all FFA officer teams; and

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

23       WHEREAS, State President P. J. Adam of Mt. Pleasant Mills  
24   represents today's diverse FFA; therefore be it

25       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
26   week of February 21 through 28, 2009, as "FFA Week" in  
27   Pennsylvania and congratulate the members, advisers and parents  
28   involved with this exemplary youth organization.