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## A RESOLUTION

Designating the week of February 22 through 28, 2010, as "FFA 1 Week" in Pennsylvania. 2 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

1 their chapter, community and country by cultivating friendships 2 and planting new ideas and seeds of hope wherever they go: 3 "learning to do, doing to learn, earning to live, living to 4 serve"; and

5 WHEREAS, The FFA State Theme is: "Beyond The Blue"; and 6 WHEREAS, The FFA National Theme is: "Lead Out Loud"; and 7 WHEREAS, FFA in the 21st century welcomes young women and 8 young men with diverse backgrounds, and FFA membership has 9 reached a 24-year record high; and

10 WHEREAS, More than 500,000 FFA members from 50 states, Puerto 11 Rico and the Virgin Islands are learning to be successful 12 leaders in production agriculture, agribusiness, agriscience and 13 other fields; and

14 WHEREAS, Many FFA members live far from working farms but 15 have an interest in related fields like food science, turf 16 management and horticulture; and

WHEREAS, FFA members who live in rural areas now represent27% of the national organization; and

19 WHEREAS, Females comprise 37% of total membership and nearly 20 50% of all FFA officer teams; and

21 WHEREAS, Young people across this Commonwealth continue to 22 wear the traditional blue corduroy jacket which distinguishes 23 FFA members; and

24 WHEREAS, State President Molly Walmer of Lebanon represents 25 today's diverse FFA; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the week of February 22 through 28, 2010, as "FFA Week" in Pennsylvania and congratulate the members, advisers and parents involved with this exemplary youth organization.

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