

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 587 Session of
2008

INTRODUCED BY M. KELLER, HERSHEY, ARGALL, BAKER, BELFANTI, BEYER, BISHOP, BOBACK, BOYD, BRENNAN, BROOKS, CALTAGIRONE, CAPPELLI, CAUSER, CLYMER, CREIGHTON, CUTLER, DALLY, DENLINGER, DONATUCCI, EVERETT, FAIRCHILD, FLECK, GALLOWAY, GEIST, GEORGE, GIBBONS, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HELM, HENNESSEY, HICKERNELL, KAUFFMAN, KESSLER, KORTZ, KOTIK, MAHONEY, MAJOR, MANDERINO, MANN, MANTZ, MARSHALL, McILHATTAN, McILVAINE SMITH, MENSCH, MILLARD, R. MILLER, MOUL, MOYER, MUNDY, MUSTIO, MYERS, NAILOR, PALLONE, PASHINSKI, PAYNE, PEIFER, PETRARCA, RAMALEY, RAPP, READSHAW, REED, REICHLEY, ROAE, ROHRER, ROSS, RUBLEY, SAINATO, SANTONI, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, SEIP, SIPTROTH, SOLOBAY, SONNEY, STERN, R. STEVENSON, SWANGER, THOMAS, TRUE, VULAKOVICH, WALKO, WHEATLEY, J. WHITE, WOJNAROSKI, YOUNGBLOOD, GRELL, PICKETT, FRANKEL, J. EVANS, GILLESPIE, SURRA, O'NEILL AND BEAR, FEBRUARY 11, 2008

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
FEBRUARY 11, 2008

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of February 16 through 23, 2008, 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:

1 "learning to do, doing to learn, earning to live, living to
2 serve"; and

3 WHEREAS, FFA in the 21st century welcomes young women and
4 young men with diverse backgrounds, and FFA membership has
5 reached a 22-year record high; and

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

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

13 WHEREAS, FFA members who live in rural areas now represent
14 27% of the national organization; and

15 WHEREAS, Females comprise 37% of total membership and nearly
16 50% of all FFA officer teams; and

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

20 WHEREAS, State President Kelly Over of Williamsport
21 represents today's diverse FFA; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
23 week of February 16 through 23, 2008, as "FFA Week" in
24 Pennsylvania and congratulate the members, advisers and parents
25 involved with this exemplary youth organization.