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SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of February 19 through 26, 2011, 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 the following motto: "with a faith born not of
8 words but of deeds"; and

9 WHEREAS, In accordance with the FFA motto, members serve
10 their chapter, community and country by cultivating friendships
11 and planting new ideas and seeds of hope wherever they go:
12 "learning to do, doing to learn, earning to live, living to
13 serve"; and

14 WHEREAS, FFA in the 21st century welcomes young women and
15 young men with diverse backgrounds, and FFA membership has
16 reached a 24-year record high; and

1 WHEREAS, More than 520,000 FFA members from 50 states, Puerto
2 Rico and the Virgin Islands are learning to be successful
3 leaders in agriculture, agribusiness, agriscience and other
4 fields; and

5 WHEREAS, Many FFA members live far from working farms but
6 have an interest in related fields, including food science, turf
7 management and horticulture; and

8 WHEREAS, FFA members who live in rural areas now represent
9 27% of the national organization; and

10 WHEREAS, Females comprise 37% of total membership and nearly
11 50% of all FFA officer teams; and

12 WHEREAS, Young people across this Commonwealth continue to
13 wear the traditional blue corduroy jacket which distinguishes
14 FFA members; and

15 WHEREAS, State President Kerri Wickard of Shippensburg
16 represents today's diverse FFA; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of February 19
18 through 26, 2011, as "FFA Week" in Pennsylvania and congratulate
19 the members, advisers and parents involved with this exemplary
20 youth organization.