
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY M. K. KELLER, CAUSER, PASHINSKI, BERNSTINE, BURNS, CALTAGIRONE, DIAMOND, DIGIROLAMO, ECKER, FEE, GLEIM, HAHN, HERSHEY, HICKERNELL, HILL-EVANS, JOHNSON-HARRELL, KAUFFMAN, KINSEY, KORTZ, LAWRENCE, LONGIETTI, MACKENZIE, MARSHALL, McNEILL, MENTZER, METZGAR, MILLARD, B. MILLER, MOUL, MURT, OBERLANDER, OWLETT, PETRARCA, PICKETT, PYLE, READSHAW, ROTHMAN, SAINATO, SAYLOR, SCHMITT, SNYDER, SONNEY, WENTLING, WILLIAMS, NEILSON, HEFFLEY, JOZWIAK, STRUZZI AND EVERETT, NOVEMBER 14, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS,
NOVEMBER 14, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of February 22 through 29, 2020, 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 "Make Your Mark"; and

14 WHEREAS, The FFA in the 21st century welcomes young women and

1 young men with diverse backgrounds; and

2 WHEREAS, FFA membership has reached an all-time record high;

3 and

4 WHEREAS, More than 700,000 FFA members from 50 states, Puerto

5 Rico and the Virgin Islands are learning to be successful

6 leaders in production agriculture, agribusiness, agriscience and

7 nine other fields; and

8 WHEREAS, Many FFA members live far from working farms yet

9 have an interest in related fields such as food science, turf

10 management and horticulture; and

11 WHEREAS, FFA members who live in rural areas now represent

12 27% of the national organization; and

13 WHEREAS, Females comprise approximately 47% of total

14 membership and more than 50% of all FFA officer teams; and

15 WHEREAS, More than 13,000 young people across this

16 Commonwealth continue to wear the traditional blue corduroy

17 jacket that distinguishes FFA members; and

18 WHEREAS, State FFA President Timber Thebes of Perry County

19 represents today's diverse FFA; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the

21 week of February 22 through 29, 2020, as "FFA Week" in

22 Pennsylvania and congratulate members, advisers and parents

23 involved with this exemplary youth organization.