THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY VOGEL, SCHWANK, ARGALL, BARTOLOTTA, BROWNE, CORMAN, HUTCHINSON, KANE, LANGERHOLC, MARTIN, MENSCH, PHILLIPS-HILL, PITTMAN, SCAVELLO, STEFANO, STREET, J. WARD, K. WARD, YAW AND YUDICHAK, JANUARY 22, 2021

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, JANUARY 22, 2021

A RESOLUTION

- Designating the week of February 20 through 27, 2021, as "FFA 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 portion of its creed: "with a
- 8 faith born not of 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 an all-time record high; and
- 17 WHEREAS, More than 760,000 FFA members from 50 states and

- 1 Puerto Rico are learning to be successful leaders in
- 2 agriculture, agribusiness, agriscience and other fields; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Many FFA members live far from working farms but
- 4 have an interest in related disciplines, including food science,
- 5 turf management and horticulture; and
- 6 WHEREAS, FFA members who live in rural farm areas now
- 7 represent 27% of the national organization; and
- 8 WHEREAS, More than 13,000 students enrolled in agricultural
- 9 education classes across this Commonwealth continue to wear the
- 10 traditional blue corduroy jacket which distinguishes FFA
- 11 members; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania FFA is led by seven State Officers who
- 13 defer college and career for one year to advocate for
- 14 agriculture, agricultural education and FFA; and
- WHEREAS, Mikara Anderson of Huntingdon County presides as the
- 16 State FFA President; therefore be it
- 17 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of February 20
- 18 through 27, 2021, as "FFA Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it
- 19 further
- 20 RESOLVED, That the Senate congratulate the members, advisers
- 21 and parents involved with this exemplary youth organization.