

A RESOLUTION recognizing and honoring the many 4-H members who are focusing on civic engagement and public policy by participating in Kentucky 4-H: A Capitol Experience.

WHEREAS, hundreds of 4-H students are converging on the State Capital this week to take part in multiple educational activities aimed at enhancing their understanding of the legislative process and the history of this great Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, while in the seat of state government, the 4-H members will have the opportunity to see their government in action; they will visit with legislators and attend committee meetings; and, in turn, will make this General Assembly more aware of the importance of Kentucky's 4-H program; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky 4-H: A Capitol Experience has the support of a number of organizations: the 4-H Youth Development Program; the Cooperative Extension Service; the land-grant universities, the University of Kentucky and Kentucky State University; and Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives, the presenting sponsor; and

WHEREAS, 4-H in Kentucky has a long and rich history, beginning in the early 1900s when farm youth in the state were given the opportunity to try new practices on a small portion of the family farm; and

WHEREAS, the 4-H Youth Development Program sponsors 4-H clubs in both rural and urban areas of Kentucky, reaching more than 256,345 youth from ages five to 19; and

WHEREAS, 4-H offers diverse programs that include agriculture, workforce development, science, engineering, technology, and practical life skills. In short, the program contributes to the development of well-rounded youth and future leaders of this great Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, 19,400 adult citizens contribute to the success of the program, volunteering in endeavors aimed at enhancing the skills of these young people; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, Kentucky state 4-H officers represent areas across the state: Calvin Andries, State President; MacKenzie Jones, State Vice President; Amelia Iliohan,

State 4-H Secretary; and Kiernan Comer, State 4-H Treasurer;

NOW, THEREFORE,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

➔Section 1. The Senate hereby recognizes and commends the hundreds of students taking part in the 4-H Youth Development Program, the Cooperative Extension Service, the University of Kentucky, Kentucky State University, and the volunteer adults who work so hard to make Kentucky 4-H: A Capitol Experience a success.

➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in recognition of all those involved in Kentucky 4-H: A Capitol Experience.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Senator David P. Givens for delivery.