

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 144

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHEXNAYDER

A RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, May 31, 2017, as 4-H Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, 4-H is the largest youth development organization in the United States and empowers more than six million young people from the ages of eight to eighteen throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, through America's one hundred ten land-grant universities, 4-H reaches every corner of the U.S., from urban neighborhoods to suburban schoolyards to rural farming communities; and

WHEREAS, 4-H represents head, heart, hands, and health as core values of all members and works to develop each through engaging programs; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana main office of 4-H is the premier youth development program of the Louisiana State University AgCenter Cooperative Extension System and includes clubs, camps, and after-school programs to help its members become responsible citizens leading healthy and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, with a network that includes more than six hundred thousand volunteers, more than three thousand professionals, and more than twenty-five million alumni, 4-H helps to shape our country's youth in ways that no other youth organization does: it empowers all members to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults; 4-H is a catalyst for positive change in its members' lives; and

WHEREAS, 4-H'ers engage in hands-on learning activities in the areas of science, citizenship, and healthy living; 4-H girls are two times more likely in grade ten and nearly three times more likely in grade twelve to take part in science programs; 4-H boys and girls are four times more likely to contribute to their communities through academic achievement and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, the 4-H program is enhanced by leading corporations, foundations, and organizations whose support allows the development of cutting-edge opportunities for young people to learn real-world skills that prepare them for the challenges of today and tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, the national 4-H social networks and social media communities are managed by the National 4-H Council; first-of-their-kind research projects sponsored by the council reveal how young people benefit from life-changing experiences; and

WHEREAS, the 4-H state officers are Jill Wiltz, president; Brittney Lea, vice president; Taylor Goss, secretary; Stanley Celestine, Jr., historian/reporter; and Patrick Cormier, parliamentarian; and

WHEREAS, each officer works with the entire membership to improve their heads for managing and clearer thinking, their hearts for caring and greater loyalty, their hands for giving and enlarging service, and their health to better living, all done for their club, their community, their country, and their world.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Wednesday, May 31, 2017, as 4-H Day at the state capitol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to 4-H state president, Jill Wiltz.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES