BY SENATOR THOMPSON

A RESOLUTION

To designate May 9, 2012, as "FFA Day" at the legislature and to commend the state officers of FFA.

WHEREAS, the national Future Farmers of America (FFA) organization prepares and trains students for leadership and professions in the science, business, and technology of agriculture in public schools throughout our nation; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the FFA organization is to make a positive difference in the lives of young people by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education; and

WHEREAS, the motto of the FFA organization, "Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve", gives members words to live by as they experience the opportunities of the organization; and

WHEREAS, the national FFA organization consists of over five hundred seven thousand members in the fifty states, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana membership of the FFA organization continues to be strongly represented by agricultural students in approximately one hundred eighty-six chapters throughout the state with nearly ten thousand members; and

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana recognizes the importance of agriculture to the economy of this state, as well as the importance of the education and training students receive through agricultural education programs that develop competent and assertive agricultural leadership.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate May 9, 2012, as "FFA Day" at the legislature.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana also recognizes and commends the 2011-2012 state FFA officers as follows: Bradley Coleman, President; Nicholas Walker, Vice President, Area I; Zachary Harrison, Vice President, Area II; Summer Anderson, Vice President, Area III; Cobey Hendry, Vice President, Area IV; Abi Young, Secretary; Adam Thibodeaux, Treasurer; Cody Beard, Reporter; Bryan Haley, Parliamentarian; and Mary Palisi, Sentinel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the state president of the Louisiana chapter of the FFA organization.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE