

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 32 Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY VOGEL, BAKER, FOLMER, KITCHEN, DINNIMAN, FERLO, ERICKSON, TEPLITZ, GREENLEAF, RAFFERTY, ALLOWAY, ROBBINS, MENSCH, STACK, HUTCHINSON, FONTANA, BREWSTER, KASUNIC, YAW, VULAKOVICH, WAUGH, BROWNE, WHITE, BRUBAKER, ARGALL, COSTA, PILEGGI, WARD, GORDNER, SOLOBAY, TARTAGLIONE, FARNESE AND WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY 12, 2013

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of February 17 through 23, 2013, 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 the following motto: "with a faith born not of  
8 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 a 26-year record high; and

1       WHEREAS, More than 557,000 FFA members from 50 states, Puerto  
2 Rico and the Virgin Islands are learning to be successful  
3 leaders in agriculture, agribusiness, agriscience and other  
4 fields; and

5       WHEREAS, Many FFA members live far from working farms but  
6 have an interest in related fields, including food science, turf  
7 management and horticulture; and

8       WHEREAS, FFA members who live in rural areas now represent  
9 27% of the national organization; and

10       WHEREAS, Females comprise 43% of total membership and nearly  
11 50% of all FFA officer teams; and

12       WHEREAS, Young people across this Commonwealth continue to  
13 wear the traditional blue corduroy jacket which distinguishes  
14 FFA members; and

15       WHEREAS, State President Casey Shrawver of McClure represents  
16 today's diverse FFA; therefore be it

17       RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of February 17  
18 through 23, 2013, as "FFA Week" in Pennsylvania and congratulate  
19 the members, advisers and parents involved with this exemplary  
20 youth organization.