

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing February 18 to 25, 2017, as FFA Week in Kentucky.

2 WHEREAS, the National FFA Organization (FFA) has grown from its founding by
3 a gathering of 33 young farmers almost 90 years ago to an organization today that makes
4 a positive difference by helping thousands of students develop their potential for
5 agricultural leadership, personal growth, and career success; and

6 WHEREAS, almost 630,000 high school students currently belong to 7,757
7 chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands; and

8 WHEREAS, FFA has a significant presence in Kentucky high schools, with over
9 15,000 students belonging to 153 chapters in 116 counties; and

10 WHEREAS, along with the training and education offered in all the Kentucky
11 chapters, FFA students in the Commonwealth have opportunities to attend the state FFA
12 convention in the summer, attend the FFA Leadership Training Center in Hardinsburg,
13 develop workplace skills through involvement in supervised agricultural experience
14 programs, and take part in career development events and leadership development events;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, the National FFA Organization declares that it remains committed to
17 the individual student, providing a path to achievement in premier leadership, personal
18 growth, and career success through agricultural education; and

19 WHEREAS, through the FFA, students from diverse backgrounds learn about
20 production agriculture, agribusiness, agriscience, and other fields; and

21 WHEREAS, many FFA members do not live on working farms, but have an interest
22 in agriculture-related career pathways such as food science, turf management, and
23 horticulture; and

24 WHEREAS, once an all-male organization, FFA membership over the years has
25 grown more diverse. Today, young women represent more than 45 percent of FFA
26 members and occupy roughly half of all state leadership positions; and

27 WHEREAS, the FFA represents a part of the training ground for the future of young

1 people, helping along the way, future biologists, future chemists, future veterinarians,
2 future engineers, future business people, and future members of this Honorable Body; and

3 WHEREAS, everyone could live by the long-standing FFA Motto that gives its
4 members a dozen short, but meaningful words: "Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning
5 to Live, Living to Serve";

6 NOW, THEREFORE,

7 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
8 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

9 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives does hereby recognize the week of
10 February 18 to 25, 2017, as FFA Week in Kentucky and congratulates FFA members,
11 student advisers, and parents who take part in this outstanding youth organization.

12 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
13 copy of this Resolution to Representative Brandon Reed for presentation to the Kentucky
14 FFA Organization.