

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing February 18 to 22, 2019, 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, nearly 670,000 students currently belong to 8,630 chapters in all 50  
7 states, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands; and

8 WHEREAS, FFA has a significant presence in Kentucky schools, with nearly  
9 14,000 students belonging to 142 chapters in 116 counties; and

10 WHEREAS, along with the training and education offered in all Kentucky chapters,  
11 FFA students in the Commonwealth have opportunities to participate in 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 roughly 45 percent of FFA members  
26 and occupy over 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, chemists, veterinarians, engineers,  
2 business people, and 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, and 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 designate the week of  
10 February 18 to 22, 2019, 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.