

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 Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
8 *Kentucky:*

9 ➔Section 1. The Senate does hereby designate the week of February 18 to 22,
10 2019, as FFA Week in Kentucky and congratulates FFA members, student advisers, and
11 parents who take part in this outstanding youth organization.

12 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
13 Resolution to Senator Paul Hornback for presentation to the Kentucky FFA Organization.