

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 234

Reps. Lightner, Bezotte, Breen, Calley, Garza, Haadsma, Hope, Kahle, Kuppa, Morse, Sabo, Sneller, Steenland and Witwer offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare February 19-26, 2022, as FFA Week in
2 the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Future Farmers of America (FFA) was established in
4 1928 and is now known as the National FFA Organization. In 1950,
5 Congress granted FFA a federal charter, making it a vital part of
6 public agricultural instruction under the National Vocational
7 Education Act; and

8 Whereas, The National FFA Organization is comprised of 735,038
9 members in grades seven through twelve. These members belong to one
10 of 8,817 local FFA chapters throughout the United States, Puerto
11 Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands; and

1 Whereas, FFA operates on local, state, and national levels.
2 Student members belong to chapters at the local level where
3 agricultural educators serve as chapter advisors. FFA members elect
4 their own student officers that plan and conduct activities with
5 supervision from their advisors; and

6 Whereas, States conduct annual conventions where members can
7 demonstrate their proficiency in competitions based on real-world
8 agricultural skills; and

9 Whereas, Local, state and national FFA programs help members
10 develop public speaking skills, conduct and participate in
11 meetings, manage financial matters, strengthen problem-solving
12 abilities, and assume civic responsibilities; and

13 Whereas, The National FFA convention is the organization's
14 premier gathering during which competitors are recognized
15 nationally; and

16 Whereas, The National FFA Organization has expanded
17 opportunities in the agricultural industry. The FFA helps members
18 prepare for careers in agribusiness, agri-marketing, science,
19 communications, education, horticulture, production, natural
20 resources, forestry, and other diverse fields; and

21 Whereas, Members of the FFA strengthen their communities
22 through service and preparation of the next generation of leaders
23 to conquer challenges; and

24 Whereas, There are more than 685,226 FFA Alumni and Supporters
25 across the country that support and advocate for agricultural
26 education; and

27 Whereas, Members of the FFA organization will celebrate
28 National FFA Week during the week of February 19 through 26, 2022;
29 now, therefore, be it

1 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
2 this legislative body declare February 19-26, 2022, as FFA Week in
3 the state of Michigan. We recognize the integral role of the
4 National FFA organization in building valuable skills through
5 hands-on learning and developing young students for leadership,
6 personal growth, and career success.