

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.234

Rep. Lightner 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

12 Whereas, FFA operates on local, state, and national levels.
13 Student members belong to chapters at the local level where

1 agricultural educators serve as chapter advisors. FFA members elect
2 their own student officers that plan and conduct activities with
3 supervision from their advisors; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
29 this legislative body declare February 19-26, 2022, as FFA Week in

1 the state of Michigan. We recognize the integral role of the
2 National FFA organization in building valuable skills through
3 hands-on learning and developing young students for leadership,
4 personal growth, and career success.