

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 41

Reps. Lightner, Greene, Posthumus, Borton, Schmaltz, St. Germaine, Steele, Harris, Green, Alexander, Bezotte, Bierlein, Bollin, Glanville, Haadsma, Morse, Rogers and Shannon offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare February 18-25, 2023, as National FFA
2 Week in 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; and

10 Whereas, These members belong to one of 8,817 local FFA

1 chapters throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, and the U.S.
2 Virgin Islands; and

3 Whereas, FFA operates on local, state, and national levels.
4 Student members belong to chapters at the local level where
5 agricultural educators serve as chapter advisors; and

6 Whereas, FFA members elect their own student officers that
7 plan and conduct activities with supervision from their advisors;
8 and

9 Whereas, States conduct annual conventions where members can
10 demonstrate their proficiency in competitions based on real-world
11 agricultural skills; and

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

16 Whereas, The National FFA convention is the organization's
17 premier gathering during which competitors are recognized
18 nationally; and

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

24 Whereas, Members of the FFA strengthen their communities
25 through service and preparation of the next generation of leaders
26 to conquer challenges; and

27 Whereas, There are more than 685,226 FFA alumni and supporters
28 across the country that support and advocate for agricultural
29 education; and

1 Whereas, Members of the FFA Organization will celebrate
2 National FFA Week during the week of February 19 through 26, 2023;
3 now, therefore, be it

4 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
5 this legislative body declare February 18-25, 2023, as National FFA
6 Week in the state of Michigan. We encourage all citizens to
7 recognize and celebrate the important role of the National FFA
8 Organization in building valuable skills through hands-on learning
9 and developing young students for leadership, personal growth, and
10 career success.