

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 41

Reps. Lightner, Greene, Posthumus, Borton, Schmaltz, St. Germaine, Steele, Harris and Green 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
11 chapters throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, and the U.S.
12 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; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 Whereas, Members of the FFA Organization will celebrate
29 National FFA Week during the week of February 19 through 26, 2023;

1 now, therefore, be it

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