

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senators Warnick, Schoesler, and Short

1           WHEREAS, Washington agriculture generates \$10.16 billion annually  
2 and is a cornerstone of the Washington state economy; and

3           WHEREAS, The Washington Future Farmers of America Association  
4 members' continuous efforts culminated in four chapters being named  
5 as national finalists in the National Chapter Awards Program, which  
6 recognizes the top ten chapters in the nation in four qualifying  
7 areas out of the eight thousand five hundred sixty-eight chapters  
8 nationwide; and

9           WHEREAS, Washington FFA members contribute to the nationally  
10 generated \$4.4 billion through Supervised Agricultural Experience  
11 programs, which are an extension of classroom instruction; and

12           WHEREAS, National FFA Week is celebrated annually nationwide  
13 during the week of George Washington's birthday, in celebration of  
14 his legacy as an agriculturalist and to emphasize the importance of  
15 the foundation of agriculture to FFA members; and

16           WHEREAS, The FFA motto, "Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning  
17 to Live, Living to Serve" gives direction and purpose to students who  
18 take an active role in succeeding in agricultural education; and

19           WHEREAS, FFA promotes citizenship, volunteerism, patriotism, and  
20 cooperation through approximately four hundred eighty-two thousand  
21 service hours that equates to an economic impact of over \$10.9  
22 million nationally; and

1       WHEREAS, Agricultural education and FFA ensure a steady supply of  
2 young professionals to meet the growing needs of science, business,  
3 and technology in the agricultural industry; and

4       WHEREAS, Agricultural education is the original science,  
5 technology, engineering, and math, or STEM, education model, and  
6 agricultural education is celebrating one hundred one years as a  
7 result of the Smith-Hughes Act influencing more than fifty thousand  
8 Washington students enrolled in agricultural education courses  
9 annually; and

10       WHEREAS, Washington FFA Week is recognized by approximately  
11 eleven thousand members statewide;

12       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate  
13 recognize Washington FFA members and their distinction in the  
14 agricultural field during the celebration of FFA Week, February 17th  
15 through 24th, 2018.

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