

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senators Warnick, Schoesler, and Short

1 WHEREAS, The Washington Future Farmers of America Association
2 currently supports approximately eleven thousand student members
3 throughout the state of Washington in nine regional FFA districts;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Washington agriculture alone generates \$10.16 billion
6 along with another \$20.1 billion in food processing, totaling \$30.26
7 billion, making it a pivotal necessity within the Washington state
8 economy; and

9 WHEREAS, Washington FFA members' continuous efforts culminated in
10 four chapters being named national finalists in the National Chapter
11 Award Program, which recognizes the top ten chapters in the nation
12 out of eight thousand five hundred sixty-eight chapters nationwide;
13 and

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

17 WHEREAS, The Washington FFA Convention and Expo brings together
18 approximately three thousand students to compete in Career and
19 Leadership Development Events where students are evaluated on skills
20 ranging from communications to mechanics. Students work in teams or
21 as individuals; and

22 WHEREAS, Teachers, administrators, and industry representatives
23 gather at the Washington FFA Convention and Expo to celebrate FFA

1 student success and educational achievement while providing insight
2 for their future in agricultural related careers; and

3 WHEREAS, The Washington FFA Convention and Expo recognizes
4 student success through Career and Leadership Development Events as
5 well as the work completed in the students' Supervised Agricultural
6 Experiences and Chapter Projects by awarding four State Star Awards
7 and nearly two hundred State Degrees; and

8 WHEREAS, The Education Expo that takes place at the Washington
9 FFA Convention and Expo invites representatives of industry and
10 businesses from across the state of Washington to speak with students
11 about how their education and FFA experiences can prepare them for
12 career success; and

13 WHEREAS, Each year, a team of six Washington FFA State Officers
14 defer a year of education to serve the Washington FFA Association as
15 student representatives and on the final day of the State Convention
16 the 2018-2019 State Officers will be elected to serve and support
17 Washington FFA members and the Washington agricultural industry;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate
19 commend the Washington FFA Association for preparing its members to
20 be successful in the agricultural industry by promoting their
21 potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success
22 and recognize their hard work and dedication at the eighty-eighth
23 Washington FFA Convention and Expo, which will be held May 10th
24 through 12th, 2018.

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