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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, February 2, 2011, marks the inaugural 4-H Day at the
 State Capitol; and

3 WHEREAS, The 4-H program got its start in Texas in 1908 when Thomas M. Marks organized a club in Jack County to educate boys 4 5 about new production methods for corn; four years later, Edna Trigg founded the Milam County Girls Tomato Club to teach better 6 production and canning methods for homegrown tomatoes, and in 1914, 7 opportunities to learn about vegetable gardening and poultry 8 raising were initiated in Waller County for African American youth; 9 10 and

WHEREAS, Today, more than half a million young Texans 11 participate in 4-H, which encourages members to practice life 12 skills, develop strong character, and improve their readiness for 13 14 the workplace and for college; each program promotes productive use of the four H's--Head, Heart, Hands, and Health--and supports the 15 organization's motto, "to make the best better"; moreover, 16 participants are encouraged to give back to the community through 17 such worthwhile initiatives as Operation Military Kids for children 18 who have a deployed parent; and 19

20 WHEREAS, Administered by the Texas AgriLife Extension 21 Service and the Prairie View A&M Cooperative Extension Program, 4-H 22 is made possible through the dedicated efforts of numerous 23 employees and nearly 34,000 trained volunteers; and

24 WHEREAS, The 4-H program has provided exceptional learning

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1 experiences to generations of young Texans, and in so doing, it has 2 enhanced the quality of life for countless individuals, families, 3 and communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
Legislature hereby recognize February 2, 2011, as Texas 4-H Day at
the State Capitol and extend to the organization's administrators,
staff, volunteers, and participants sincere best wishes for
continued success; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 10 prepared for the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program as an 11 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 203 was adopted by the House on February 2, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House