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H.R. No. 203

R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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

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

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
5 Legislature hereby recognize February 2, 2011, as Texas 4-H Day at
6 the State Capitol and extend to the organization's administrators,
7 staff, volunteers, and participants sincere best wishes for
8 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.