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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, February 6, 2013, marks the biennial celebration of  
2 4-H Day at the 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 600,000 young Texans participate in  
12 4-H, which encourages members to practice life skills, develop  
13 strong character, and improve their readiness for the workplace and  
14 for college; each program promotes productive use of the four  
15 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 A&M 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 over 56,000 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 83rd Texas  
5 Legislature hereby recognize February 6, 2013, 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.