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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Many proud students in the 4-H program are gathering
2 in Austin on February 8, 2017, in celebration of 4-H Day at the
3 State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Established as an agricultural club in Jack County
5 in 1908, 4-H is now the largest youth development program in the
6 state, with more than 550,000 students from every Texas county
7 taking part each year; the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and
8 the Prairie View A&M Cooperative Extension Program administer the
9 program and are assisted by more than 30,000 trained volunteers;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The organization's name stands for Head, Hands,
12 Heart, and Health, reflecting different aspects of an individual's
13 personal and social responsibilities; guided by the motto "to make
14 the best better," today's clubs emphasize leadership, citizenship,
15 and strong character, help members to acquire valuable life skills,
16 and foster readiness for college and the workplace; participants
17 can engage in projects related not only to agriculture but also
18 science, engineering, technology, natural resources, and healthy
19 lifestyles; in Texas, the most popular programs are foods and
20 nutrition, agriculture awareness and education, gardening and
21 horticulture, and veterinary science; and

22 WHEREAS, According to a longitudinal study conducted by the
23 Institute for Applied Research in Youth Development at Tufts
24 University, 4-H participants are four times more likely than other

1 youngsters to contribute to their communities; they are also twice
2 as likely to make healthier choices and to participate in science
3 programs outside of school; and

4 WHEREAS, Since its inception, 4-H has enriched the lives of
5 countless youths across the Lone Star State, and the program's
6 alumni have gone on to make a lasting, positive difference in their
7 communities and beyond; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
9 Legislature hereby recognize February 8, 2017, as 4-H Day at the
10 State Capitol and extend to all those in attendance sincere best
11 wishes for a memorable and productive event.