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H.R. No. 562

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, February 18 to 25, 2017, has been set aside as  
2 National FFA Week, and in conjunction with this observance,  
3 members, advisors, and guests of the Texas FFA Association are  
4 gathering in Austin on February 21 to celebrate Texas FFA Day at the  
5 State Capitol; and

6 WHEREAS, The FFA was founded in 1928, and the Texas FFA was  
7 chartered the following year; throughout its history, the  
8 organization has helped youth across the state and nation develop  
9 knowledge and skills related to agriculture, food, and natural  
10 resources; and

11 WHEREAS, The FFA program is integral to a three-part  
12 educational model that also includes classroom instruction and  
13 supervised hands-on experiences, and this initiative provides  
14 vital support to the core curriculum of the Texas Education  
15 Agency's Foundation High School Program; and

16 WHEREAS, Texas FFA also fosters good citizenship and strong  
17 leadership in the state's schools, and over the course of its long  
18 history, FFA has produced many outstanding community, state, and  
19 national leaders in the fields of industry, education, and  
20 government, including many members who have served in this chamber;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, The largest FFA organization in the country, the  
23 Texas association has more than 118,000 members led by an elected  
24 group of state officers who each represent one of the state's 10 FFA

1 areas; each year, the organization awards more than \$2 million in  
2 scholarships to deserving members who have demonstrated academic  
3 excellence, career readiness, and preparation for effective civic  
4 engagement; and

5 WHEREAS, The Texas FFA Association contributes immensely to  
6 the success of agriculture, career, and technical education, and in  
7 so doing, it is helping young Texans build a strong foundation for  
8 future success; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby recognize February 21, 2017, as Texas FFA Day at  
11 the State Capitol and extend to all those participating sincere  
12 best wishes for a meaningful and memorable event; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for the Texas FFA Association as an expression of high  
15 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.