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H.R. No. 285

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, In conjunction with the annual observance of  
2 National FFA Week, members, advisors, and guests of the Texas FFA  
3 Association are gathering in Austin on February 21, 2019, to  
4 celebrate Texas FFA Day at the State Capitol; and

5           WHEREAS, For the past century, the Texas FFA has helped youth  
6 develop knowledge and skills in industries related to agriculture,  
7 food, and natural resources; the FFA program is integral to a  
8 three-part educational model that also encompasses classroom  
9 instruction and work-based learning through supervised  
10 agricultural experiences, which may include such activities as  
11 starting a business, conducting scientific research, or working in  
12 production for an established company; and

13           WHEREAS, This noteworthy organization fosters good  
14 citizenship and strong leadership in Texas schools, and over the  
15 course of its long history, it has produced many outstanding  
16 community, state, and national leaders of industry, education, and  
17 government, including many members who have served in this chamber;  
18 and

19           WHEREAS, The largest FFA affiliate in the country, the Texas  
20 association has more than 128,000 members and is guided by elected  
21 officers who each represent one of the state's 12 FFA areas; every  
22 year, the organization awards more than \$2 million in scholarships  
23 to deserving members who have demonstrated academic excellence,  
24 career readiness, and preparation for effective civic engagement;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, The Texas FFA Association contributes immeasurably  
3 to the success of agricultural, career, and technical education,  
4 and in so doing, it has greatly enhanced the prosperity of the Lone  
5 Star State; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby recognize February 21, 2019, as Texas FFA Day at  
8 the State Capitol and extend to all those participating sincere  
9 best wishes for an informative and enjoyable event; and, be it  
10 further

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