

SENATE RESOLUTION

8710

By Senators Warnick, Schoesler, and Short

1 WHEREAS, Washington agriculture generates \$10.16 billion annually
2 and is a cornerstone of the Washington state economy; and

3 WHEREAS, The Washington Future Farmers of America Association
4 members' continuous efforts culminated in four chapters being named
5 as national finalists in the National Chapter Awards Program, which
6 recognizes the top ten chapters in the nation in four qualifying
7 areas out of the eight thousand five hundred sixty-eight chapters
8 nationwide; and

9 WHEREAS, Washington FFA members contribute to the nationally
10 generated \$4.4 billion through Supervised Agricultural Experience
11 programs, which are an extension of classroom instruction; and

12 WHEREAS, National FFA Week is celebrated annually nationwide
13 during the week of George Washington's birthday, in celebration of
14 his legacy as an agriculturalist and to emphasize the importance of
15 the foundation of agriculture to FFA members; and

16 WHEREAS, The FFA motto, "Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning
17 to Live, Living to Serve" gives direction and purpose to students who
18 take an active role in succeeding in agricultural education; and

19 WHEREAS, FFA promotes citizenship, volunteerism, patriotism, and
20 cooperation through approximately four hundred eighty-two thousand
21 service hours that equates to an economic impact of over \$10.9
22 million nationally; and

1 WHEREAS, Agricultural education and FFA ensure a steady
2 supply of young professionals to meet the growing needs of
3 science, business, and technology in the agricultural industry;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Agricultural education is the original science,
6 technology, engineering, and math, or STEM, education model, and
7 agricultural education is celebrating one hundred one years as a
8 result of the Smith-Hughes Act influencing more than fifty
9 thousand Washington students enrolled in agricultural education
10 courses annually; and

11 WHEREAS, Washington FFA Week is recognized by approximately
12 eleven thousand members statewide;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
14 Senate recognize Washington FFA members and their distinction in
15 the agricultural field during the celebration of FFA Week,
16 February 17th through 24th, 2018.

17 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,
18 do hereby certify that this is a true and
19 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8710,
20 adopted by the Senate
21 February 22, 2018

22 BRAD HENDRICKSON
23 Secretary of the Senate