HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2017-4614, by Representatives Chopp, Kristiansen, Appleton, Barkis, Bergquist, Blake, Buys, Caldier, Chandler, Chapman, Clibborn, Cody, Condotta, DeBolt, Dent, Doglio, Dolan, Dye, Farrell, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Frame, Goodman, Graves, Gregerson, Griffey, Haler, Hansen, Hargrove, Harmsworth, Harris, Hayes, Holy, Hudgins, Irwin, Jenkin, Jinkins, Johnson, Kagi, Kilduff, Kirby, Klippert, Kloba, Koster, Kraft, Kretz, Lovick, Lytton, MacEwen, Macri, Manweller, Maycumber, McBride, McCabe, McCaslin, McDonald, Morris, Muri, Nealey, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Pellicciotti, Peterson, Pettigrew, Pike, Pollet, Reeves, Riccelli, Robinson, Rodne, Ryu, Santos, Sawyer, Schmick, Sells, Senn, Shea, Slatter, Smith, Springer, Stambaugh, Stanford, Steele, Stokesbary, Stonier, Sullivan, Tarleton, Taylor, Tharinger, Van Werven, Vick, Volz, J. Walsh, Wilcox, Wylie, and Young

WHEREAS, Washington agriculture generates 10.2 billion dollars annually and is a cornerstone of the Washington state economy; and

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WHEREAS, Washington Future Farmers of America (FFA) members' continuous efforts culminated in a record setting five chapters being named as national finalists in the national chapter awards program, which recognizes the top ten chapters in the nation in four qualifying areas out of the 7,859 chapters nationwide; and

WHEREAS, The Yelm chapter was named the national winner in Models of Excellence and the Omak chapter was named the national winner of Models of Innovation Chapter Development, at the 2016 National FFA Convention; and

WHEREAS, Washington FFA members contribute to the nationally generated 4.4 billion dollars through their Supervised Agricultural Experience programs, which are an extension of their classroom instruction; and

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

20 WHEREAS, The FFA motto: "learning to do, doing to learn, earning 21 to live, living to serve" gives direction and purpose to students who 22 take an active role in succeeding in agricultural education; and

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WHEREAS, FFA promotes citizenship, volunteerism, patriotism, and
cooperation through approximately 482,000 service hours which equates
to an economic impact of over 10.9 million dollars nationally; and
WHEREAS, Agricultural education and FFA ensure a steady supply of
young professionals to meet the growing needs of science, business,
and technology in the agricultural industry; and
WHEREAS, Agricultural education is the original science,
technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education model, and
agricultural education is celebrating 100 years as a result of the
Smith-Hughes Act influencing more than 50,000 Washington students
enrolled in agricultural education courses annually; and
WHEREAS, Washington FFA week is recognized by over 9,000 members
statewide;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House
of Representatives recognize Washington's Future Farmers of America
for their outstanding achievements in the field of agricultural
education and applaud their continued excellence during the
celebration of FFA week, February 18th through 25th.
I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4614 adopted by the House of Representatives
February 14, 2017

Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk

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