

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2018-4676, by Representative Orcutt

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

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

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

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

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

18           WHEREAS, FFA promotes citizenship, volunteerism, patriotism, and  
19 cooperation through approximately 482,000 service hours which equates  
20 to an economic impact of over \$10.9 million nationally; and

21           WHEREAS, Agricultural education and FFA ensure a steady supply of  
22 young professionals to meet the growing needs of science, business,  
23 and technology in the agricultural industry; and

1       WHEREAS, Agricultural education is the original science,  
2 technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education model, and  
3 agricultural education is celebrating 101 years as a result of the  
4 Smith-Hughes Act influencing more than 50,000 Washington students  
5 enrolled in agricultural education courses annually; and

6       WHEREAS, Washington FFA Week is recognized by approximately  
7 11,000 members statewide;

8       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House  
9 of Representatives recognize Washington FFA members and their  
10 distinction in the agricultural field during the celebration of FFA  
11 Week, February 17th through 24th, 2018.

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