

SENATE RESOLUTION

8711

By Senators Warnick, Schoesler, and Short

1 WHEREAS, The Washington Future Farmers of America Association  
2 currently supports approximately eleven thousand student members  
3 throughout the state of Washington in nine regional FFA districts;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Washington agriculture alone generates \$10.16 billion  
6 along with another \$20.1 billion in food processing, totaling \$30.26  
7 billion, making it a pivotal necessity within the Washington state  
8 economy; and

9 WHEREAS, Washington FFA members' continuous efforts culminated in  
10 four chapters being named national finalists in the National Chapter  
11 Award Program, which recognizes the top ten chapters in the nation  
12 out of eight thousand five hundred sixty-eight chapters nationwide;  
13 and

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

17 WHEREAS, The Washington FFA Convention and Expo brings together  
18 approximately three thousand students to compete in Career and  
19 Leadership Development Events where students are evaluated on skills  
20 ranging from communications to mechanics. Students work in teams or  
21 as individuals; and

22 WHEREAS, Teachers, administrators, and industry representatives  
23 gather at the Washington FFA Convention and Expo to celebrate FFA

1 student success and educational achievement while providing  
2 insight for their future in agricultural related careers; and

3 WHEREAS, The Washington FFA Convention and Expo recognizes  
4 student success through Career and Leadership Development Events  
5 as well as the work completed in the students' Supervised  
6 Agricultural Experiences and Chapter Projects by awarding four  
7 State Star Awards and nearly two hundred State Degrees; and

8 WHEREAS, The Education Expo that takes place at the  
9 Washington FFA Convention and Expo invites representatives of  
10 industry and businesses from across the state of Washington to  
11 speak with students about how their education and FFA  
12 experiences can prepare them for career success; and

13 WHEREAS, Each year, a team of six Washington FFA State  
14 Officers defer a year of education to serve the Washington FFA  
15 Association as student representatives and on the final day of  
16 the State Convention the 2018-2019 State Officers will be  
17 elected to serve and support Washington FFA members and the  
18 Washington agricultural industry;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State  
20 Senate commend the Washington FFA Association for preparing its  
21 members to be successful in the agricultural industry by  
22 promoting their potential for premier leadership, personal  
23 growth, and career success and recognize their hard work and  
24 dedication at the eighty-eighth Washington FFA Convention and  
25 Expo, which will be held May 10th through 12th, 2018.

26 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,  
27 do hereby certify that this is a true and  
28 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8711,  
29 adopted by the Senate  
30 February 22, 2018

31 BRAD HENDRICKSON  
32 Secretary of the Senate