

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, Jenkins, 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

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

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

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

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

16 WHEREAS, National FFA week is celebrated annually nationwide  
17 during the week of George Washington's birthday, in celebration of  
18 his legacy as an agriculturalist and to emphasize the importance of  
19 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

