

SENATE RESOLUTION

8666

By Senators Schoesler and Liias

1 WHEREAS, Washington FFA has approximately twelve thousand student
2 members represented by all nine FFA districts around the entire
3 state; and

4 WHEREAS, Washington FFA members contribute 4.4 billion dollars
5 nationally generated through their Supervised Agricultural Experience
6 programs, which promote hands-on learning as an extension of the
7 classroom; and

8 WHEREAS, Washington agriculture contributes 10.6 billion dollars
9 in revenue a year from 39,500 farms and ranches according to the
10 Washington Farm Bureau and is twelve percent of Washington's total
11 economy; and

12 WHEREAS, Washington FFA allows students to develop personally and
13 professionally through a variety of opportunities that appeal to all
14 different learning types utilizing a three-circle model encompassing
15 classroom instruction, Supervised Agricultural Experiences, and FFA;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Each FFA chapter plans events throughout the year which
18 will better their members and the community around them through a
19 program of activities which is submitted to Washington FFA at the
20 beginning of each school year; and

21 WHEREAS, Washington FFA hosts "Emerge" which is an in-state
22 leadership conference reaching approximately two hundred eighty
23 members statewide; and

1 WHEREAS, Washington FFA is home to Julie Smiley who was the
2 first-ever female national officer in 1976 hailing from the
3 Mount Vernon FFA chapter; and

4 WHEREAS, The Sumner FFA chapter is in the top six for most
5 national winners with fifteen first-place finishers; and

6 WHEREAS, On average three thousand members and guests attend
7 the Washington FFA state convention each spring; and

8 WHEREAS, Individual members and teams of members are
9 recognized for their hard work and success in thirty-two
10 different career and leadership development events each year at
11 the convention; and

12 WHEREAS, Washington FFA began in 1930 and is celebrating its
13 ninetieth year in 2020; and

14 WHEREAS, The ninetieth Washington FFA Convention and Expo
15 will be held May 14th-16th;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
17 Senate recognize Washington FFA's ninetieth year of existence as
18 it is a historical marker in history.

19 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,
20 do hereby certify that this is a true and
21 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8666,
22 adopted by the Senate
23 February 21, 2020

24 BRAD HENDRICKSON
25 Secretary of the Senate