

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 4-H Youth Development Program has provided
2 invaluable experience-based training for youth across the Lone Star
3 State for 107 years; and

4 WHEREAS, The Texas 4-H program can trace its roots back to
5 1908, when agricultural agent Tom Marks organized the Jack County
6 Corn Club, which taught local boys about the latest production
7 technology; over the following years, there was a rapid expansion
8 of educational programs directed to rural youth, including
9 opportunities for girls in Milam County to gain insight on better
10 cultivation and canning methods for homegrown tomatoes and for
11 African American youth in Waller County to learn about vegetable
12 gardening and raising poultry; and

13 WHEREAS, Today, Texas 4-H claims a membership of more than
14 65,000, with another 850,000 young Texans participating in 4-H
15 programs at school or youth centers; members acquire life skills,
16 develop strong character, and improve their readiness for the
17 workplace and for college; each program promotes productive use of
18 the four H's--Head, Heart, Hands, and Health--and supports the
19 organization's motto, "to make the best better"; moreover,
20 participants are encouraged to give back to their fellow citizens
21 through volunteer projects to protect the environment, mentor
22 younger children, and help the less fortunate; and

23 WHEREAS, Administered by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
24 Service and the Prairie View A&M Cooperative Extension Program, 4-H

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1 is made possible through the dedicated efforts of numerous
2 employees and over 56,000 trained volunteers; and

3 WHEREAS, Throughout its proud history, the 4-H program has
4 helped develop young Texans into role models by providing
5 activities that build character and instill strong values, and the
6 organization is indeed worthy of special legislative recognition;
7 now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
9 Legislature hereby recognize March 25, 2015, as 4-H Day at the State
10 Capitol and extend to all those associated with the organization
11 sincere best wishes for continued success.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1507 was adopted by the House on March 25, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House