By Senator Bronson

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Senate Resolution No. __ A resolution recognizing April 17, 2000, as "Florida 4-H Day."

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WHEREAS, the Florida 4-H program includes 298,304 children and 19,732 volunteers and brings together resources of local, state, and federal governments with committed citizens and the private sector, and

WHEREAS, the Florida 4-H program participants, who dedicate themselves to "learning by doing," are involved in a diverse array of projects, from animal science to xeriscaping, and

WHEREAS, the Florida 4-H members and volunteers are dedicated to community service, devoting tens of thousands of hours to their schools, their communities, and their state, and

WHEREAS, the 2000 state project, "4-H'ers Helping the Hungry, " encourages clubs and individual 4-H'ers to help alleviate hunger in their communities through actions such as collecting food for the needy, volunteering time with hunger-relief groups such as food banks and soup kitchens, and holding fund raisers, donating the earnings to the fight against hunger, and

WHEREAS, the Florida 4-H members are actively engaged in citizenship and leadership activities which enable them to be productive members of society and to contribute to the greater good of all mankind, and

WHEREAS, the Florida 4-H program performs an invaluable service in the part it plays in preparing today's youth for the future workplace, while encouraging them to be leaders, 31 | not only tomorrow, but also today, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida: That the Florida Senate pauses in its deliberations to express its appreciation of the efforts of the Florida 4-H program and to recognize April 17, 2000, as "Florida 4-H Day." BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to the Florida 4-H Foundation as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.