House Resolution

A resolution designating April 17, 2000, as

"Florida 4-H Day."

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

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

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

WHEREAS, "4-H'ers Helping the Hungry," the 2000 state project, encourages clubs and individual 4-H members to pledge to prevent hunger in their communities through actions such as collecting food and donating it to the needy, volunteering time with hunger-relief groups such as food banks and soup kitchens, and holding fundraisers to earn money to assist in the fight against hunger, and

WHEREAS, 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 through the part it plays in preparing today's youth for the future workplace by encouraging them to be the leaders, not only of tomorrow, but also of today, NOW, THEREFORE.

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida:

That the House of Representatives of the State of Florida pauses in its deliberations to express its appreciation for the efforts of the Florida 4-H program and its participants and to proclaim April 17, 2000, as "Florida 4-H Day."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Florida 4-H Foundation as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.