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Senate Resolution

A resolution commending the Florida 4-H Program and recognizing April 27, 2006, as "Florida 4-H Day" at the Capitol.

WHEREAS, the Florida 4-H Program, organized by the Florida Cooperative Extension Services of the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, prepares the youth of this state for the workplace and encourages them to become leaders, not only for tomorrow, but also today, and

WHEREAS, more than 280,000 children ages 5 through 18 in all 67 Florida counties and on the Seminole Tribes Reservations participate in the Florida 4-H Program, making "the best better" through activities, events, and projects designed to develop and strengthen the skills and talents of all participants, and

WHEREAS, Florida 4-H participants "learn by doing" through a diverse array of projects in areas ranging from computers to community service to animal science and aeronautics, and

WHEREAS, every year thousands of 4-H volunteers share their knowledge and time with children from across the state, mentoring, supporting, and helping the children and youth of Florida 4-H to make a positive difference in their communities, and

WHEREAS, the Florida 4-H Program also enables young people to grow and become participating citizens in a democracy through outstanding programs such as the Florida 4-H Legislature, Congress, and Executive Boards, and

1 WHEREAS, by encouraging rural, suburban, and urban
2 youth to participate in its programs, Florida 4-H brings the
3 vital experience of its essential elements--Belonging,
4 Independence, Mastery, and Generosity--into the lives of
5 children and promotes positive youth development, NOW,
6 THEREFORE,

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8 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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10 That the Senate congratulates and commends the Florida
11 4-H Program, its teachers and volunteers, and its many young
12 participants on their goals and achievements in this fine
13 organization, and recognizes today, April 27, 2006, as
14 "Florida 4-H Day" at the Capitol.