

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 193

Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Smit, Hall, Neyer, Posthumus, Thompson, Beeler, Zorn, Prestin, Beson, Roth, Schmaltz, Aragona, Slagh, Wozniak, Bezotte, Phil Green, DeSana, Fox, Borton, Steele, Kuhn, Witwer, Miller, Snyder, McFall, Mentzer, Andrews, Tsernoglou, Brixie, Haadsma, Rogers and Glanville offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare February 17-24, 2024, as National FFA
2 Week in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Future Farmers of America (FFA) was established in
4 1928 and is now known as the National FFA Organization. In 1950,
5 Congress granted FFA a federal charter, making it a vital part of
6 public agricultural instruction under the National Vocational
7 Education Act; and

8 Whereas, The National FFA Organization is comprised of 945,988

1 members in grades seven through twelve; and

2 Whereas, These members belong to one of 9,163 local FFA
3 chapters throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, and the U.S.
4 Virgin Islands; and

5 Whereas, FFA operates on local, state, and national levels.
6 Student members belong to chapters at the local level where
7 agricultural educators serve as chapter advisors; and

8 Whereas, FFA members elect their own student officers that
9 plan and conduct activities with supervision from their advisors;
10 and

11 Whereas, States conduct annual conventions where members can
12 demonstrate their proficiency in competitions based on real-world
13 agricultural skills; and

14 Whereas, Local, state, and national FFA programs help members
15 develop public speaking skills, conduct and participate in
16 meetings, manage financial matters, strengthen problem-solving
17 abilities, and assume civic responsibilities; and

18 Whereas, The National FFA convention is the organization's
19 premier gathering during which competitors are recognized
20 nationally; and

21 Whereas, The National FFA Organization has expanded
22 opportunities in the agricultural industry. The FFA helps members
23 prepare for careers in agribusiness, agri-marketing, science,
24 communications, education, horticulture, production, natural
25 resources, forestry, and other diverse fields; and

26 Whereas, Members of the FFA strengthen their communities
27 through service and preparation of the next generation of leaders
28 to conquer challenges; and

29 Whereas, There are more than 704,297 FFA Alumni and Supporters

1 across the country that support and advocate for agricultural
2 education; and

3 Whereas, Members of the FFA Organization will celebrate
4 National FFA Week during the week of February 17 through 24, 2024;
5 now, therefore, be it

6 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
7 this legislative body declare February 17-24, 2024, as National FFA
8 Week in the state of Michigan. We encourage all citizens to
9 recognize and celebrate the important role of the National FFA
10 Organization in building valuable skills through hands-on learning
11 and developing young students for leadership, personal growth, and
12 career success.