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## SENATE RESOLUTION

TO RECOGNIZE THE POSITIVE IMPACT OF THE ARKANSAS 4-H  
PROGRAM ON OUR YOUTH AND TO CELEBRATE 4-H DAY ON  
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### Subtitle

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WHEREAS, February 16, 2017, shall be recognized as 4-H Day within the  
State of Arkansas; and

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WHEREAS, 4-H is the premier youth development program conducted by the  
Cooperative Extension Service of the University of Arkansas System Division  
of Agriculture; and

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WHEREAS, through nonformal, science and research-based, and  
experiential education activities, 4-H participants gain knowledge and  
enhance life skills enabling them to become positive, productive, capable,  
and compassionate members of society; and

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WHEREAS, the Arkansas 4-H program fosters an innovative “learn-by-  
doing” approach with proven results, and 4-H is committed to building  
outstanding leaders with marketable skills to succeed in today’s global  
society; and

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WHEREAS, findings from the Tufts University 4-H Study of Positive Youth

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1 Development indicate that, when compared to their peers, young people in 4-H  
2 make more civic contributions to their communities, have significantly lower  
3 drug, alcohol, and cigarette use than their peers, are 2 times more likely to  
4 exercise and be physically active, achieve better grades and higher levels of  
5 academic competence, are nearly 2 times as likely to make college plans, and  
6 are more likely to take part in courses and programs in science, engineering,  
7 or computer technology; and

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9 WHEREAS, 4-H is the nation’s largest youth development organization,  
10 empowering 6 million young people throughout the United States; and

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12 WHEREAS, 4-H youth development in Arkansas is more than a 100-year-old  
13 tradition; and

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15 WHEREAS, in October 1908, a group of about 65 boys formed the White  
16 County Corn and Cotton Club as a way to learn the latest in agricultural  
17 technology resulting in their learned agricultural practices being adopted by  
18 their counterparts; and

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20 WHEREAS, the seed planted by that first club provided the roots for a  
21 program today reaching 151,517 youth, ages 5-19, across the 75 counties in  
22 Arkansas, including rural, suburban, and urban youth; and

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24 WHEREAS, the structured learning, encouragement, and adult mentoring  
25 provided to 4-H members by 16,374 Arkansas volunteers play a vital role in  
26 helping our youth achieve success,

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28 NOW THEREFORE,

29 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
30 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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32 THAT the Senate recognizes the positive impact of the Arkansas 4-H  
33 program on our youth and celebrates February 16, 2017, as 4-H Day.

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