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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 TO RECOGNIZE THE POSITIVE IMPACT OF THE ARKANSAS 4-H
9 PROGRAM ON OUR YOUTH AND TO CELEBRATE 4-H DAY ON
10 FEBRUARY 12, 2019.

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13 **Subtitle**

14 TO RECOGNIZE THE POSITIVE IMPACT OF THE
15 ARKANSAS 4-H PROGRAM ON OUR YOUTH AND TO
16 CELEBRATE 4-H DAY ON FEBRUARY 12, 2019.

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18 WHEREAS, February 12, 2019, shall be recognized as 4-H Day within the
19 State of Arkansas; and

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

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

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

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35 WHEREAS, findings from the Tufts University 4-H Study of Positive Youth
36 Development indicate that, when compared to their peers, young people in 4-H



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

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

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

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

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19 WHEREAS, the seed planted by that first club provided the roots for a
20 program today reaching 133,070 youth in school enrichment programs and
21 258,232 youth in all program areas, 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 6,086 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-SECOND 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 12, 2019, as 4-H Day.