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8 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

9 TO RECOGNIZE THE POSITIVE IMPACT OF THE ARKANSAS 4-H
10 PROGRAM ON OUR YOUTH AND TO CELEBRATE 4-H DAY ON
11 FEBRUARY 16, 2017.

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14 **Subtitle**

15 TO RECOGNIZE THE POSITIVE IMPACT OF THE
16 ARKANSAS 4-H PROGRAM ON OUR YOUTH AND TO
17 CELEBRATE 4-H DAY ON FEBRUARY 16, 2017.

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

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

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

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

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



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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL
30 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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32 THAT the House of Representatives recognize the positive impact of the
33 Arkansas 4-H program on our youth and celebrate February 16, 2017, as 4-H
34 Day.