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8 SENATE RESOLUTION

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22 WHEREAS, in October 1908, a group of about sixty-five (65) boys formed
23 the White County Corn and Cotton Club as a way to learn the latest in
24 agricultural technology, resulting in their learned agricultural practices
25 being adopted by their counterparts, and this club became the Arkansas 4-H
26 program, with the four (4) "Hs" standing for head, heart, hands, and health;
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29 WHEREAS, while the activities that the participants in Arkansas 4-H
30 enjoy may have changed since 1908, the mission of 4-H to help the youth of
31 the United States become productive citizens has not changed; and
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33 WHEREAS, the seed planted by the White County Corn and Cotton Club
34 provided the roots for a program that today reaches more than one hundred
35 forty-four thousand (144,000) young people in school enrichment programs and
36 over two hundred fifty-eight thousand (258,000) young people ages five to



1 nineteen (5-19) in all program areas across the seventy-five (75) counties of
2 Arkansas, including young people from rural, suburban, and urban areas of the
3 state; and
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5 WHEREAS, Arkansas 4-H is the premier youth development program
6 conducted by the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service of the
7 University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture; and
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9 WHEREAS, through informal, scientific, research-based, and experiential
10 education activities, 4-H participants gain knowledge and enhance life skills
11 enabling them to become positive, productive, capable, and compassionate
12 members of society; and
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14 WHEREAS, 4-H is designed to prepare young people to step up to the
15 challenges in their communities and provide youth with the skills to lead for
16 a lifetime; and
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18 WHEREAS, the core elements of 4-H include youth leadership, youth-adult
19 partnerships, life skills learning, and community service; and
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21 WHEREAS, 4-H members complete hands-on projects in areas like science,
22 health, agriculture, and citizenship in a positive environment in which they
23 receive guidance from adult mentors and are encouraged to take on proactive
24 leadership roles; and
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26 WHEREAS, the Arkansas 4-H program fosters an innovative "learn-by-
27 doing" approach with proven results, and 4-H is committed to building
28 outstanding leaders with marketable skills to succeed in today's global
29 society through in-school and after-school programs and on military
30 installations; and
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32 WHEREAS, findings from the Tufts University 4-H Study of Positive Youth
33 Development indicate that, when compared to their peers, young people in 4-H
34 make more civic contributions to their communities and make healthier
35 choices; and
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1 WHEREAS, in 2019, the National 4-H Council partnered with Edge Research
2 to conduct a study of all 4-H alumni across the country, and the results
3 showed that a 4-H experience correlates with long-term success in life; and
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5 WHEREAS, 4-H is the nation's largest youth development organization,
6 empowering nearly six million (6,000,000) young people throughout the United
7 States; and
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9 WHEREAS, the structured learning, encouragement, and adult mentoring
10 provided to 4-H members by the thousands of hours given by Arkansas
11 volunteers play a vital role in helping our youth achieve success,
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13 NOW THEREFORE,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
15 STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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17 THAT the Senate recognize the positive impact of the Arkansas 4-H
18 program on our youth and proclaim March 4, 2025, as 4-H Day at the State
19 Capitol.
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