

1 State of Arkansas  
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7 **HOUSE 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 24, 2015.

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13 **Subtitle**

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15 ARKANSAS 4-H PROGRAM ON OUR YOUTH AND TO  
16 CELEBRATE 4-H DAY ON FEBRUARY 24, 2015.

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19 WHEREAS, February 24, 2015, is recognized as 4-H Day; and

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

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25 WHEREAS, through nonformal, science-based, experiential education  
26 activities, 4-H participants gain knowledge and enhance life skills enabling  
27 them to become positive, productive, capable and compassionate members of  
28 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 2.3 times more likely  
3 to exercise and be physically active, achieve better grades and higher levels  
4 of academic competence, are nearly 2 times more likely to make college plans,  
5 and are more likely to take part in courses and programs in science,  
6 engineering, or computer technology; and

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8 WHEREAS, 4-H is the nation's largest youth development organization,  
9 empowering 7 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 and enjoy being with friends during the rare times they weren't  
17 required to tend the chores at home; and

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19 WHEREAS, the seed planted by that first club provided the roots for a  
20 program today reaching 143,879 youth, ages 5-19, across the 75 counties in  
21 Arkansas, including rural, suburban and urban youth; and

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

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27 NOW THEREFORE,

28 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL  
29 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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31 THAT the House of Representatives of the Ninetieth General Assembly  
32 recognizes the positive impact of the Arkansas 4-H program on our youth and  
33 celebrates February 24, 2015, as 4-H Day.