

Senate Resolution 654

By: Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Cowser of the 46th, Burke of the 11th, McKoon of the 29th, Harper of the 7th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the National Future Farmers of America (FFA) Organization and recognizing
2 February 18-24, 2018, as National FFA Week at the state capitol and February 20, 2018, as
3 FFA Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, the National Future Farmers of America (FFA) Organization and agricultural
5 education provide a strong foundation for the youth of America and the future of the food,
6 fiber, and natural resource systems; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the Georgia FFA ranks as the third largest state FFA association in the nation
8 with over 42,000 current members in 333 local chapters across the state; and
- 9 WHEREAS, the mission of the FFA is to make a positive difference in the lives of students
10 by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success
11 through agricultural education; and
- 12 WHEREAS, agricultural education and the FFA ensure that a steady supply of young
13 professionals are prepared to meet the growing demands in the science, business, and
14 technology of agriculture; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the FFA prepares young people for more than 300 careers in agriculture and
16 agribusiness, ranging from production to sales, biotechnology, and environmental science;
17 and
- 18 WHEREAS, the FFA motto, "Learning to do, doing to learn, earning to live, living to serve,"
19 gives direction of purpose to these students who take an active role in succeeding in
20 agricultural education; and

21 WHEREAS, the FFA promotes citizenship, volunteerism, patriotism, and cooperation and
22 increases awareness of the global and technological importance of agriculture and its
23 contribution to economic and personal vitality.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 commend the National Future Farmers of America (FFA) Organization for its contribution
26 to the welfare of this state and nation and recognize February 18-24, 2018, as National FFA
27 Week at the state capitol and February 20, 2018, as FFA Day at the state capitol.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the National
30 Future Farmers of America (FFA) Organization.