

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 589

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor the 2011-2012
Tennessee State FFA Officers.

WHEREAS, organized in 1928 to promote leadership, personal growth, and career success among high school agriculture students, FFA continues to play an important role in ensuring the growth and prosperity of agriculture in Tennessee and the nation by expertly molding our future leaders; and

WHEREAS, because of his leadership in promoting scientific farming practices, George Washington is embraced as the patron saint of FFA whose important work in this area is symbolized by their Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, there are over 7,450 FFA Chapters in 50 states, as well as Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, comprising nearly one-half million members, with 206 local chapters in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the FFA motto, "Learning to do, doing to learn, earning to live, living to serve," gives direction and purpose to these future leaders for tomorrow's agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the 84th Tennessee State FFA Convention will be held in Gatlinburg on April 1 through April 4, 2012, with the Tennessee State FFA Officers for 2011-2012 ably presiding and leading the way; and

WHEREAS, these outstanding state officers are: President Peyton Graham of the Munford FFA Chapter; Vice President for East Tennessee Courtney Walker of the Cumberland Gap FFA Chapter; Vice President for Middle Tennessee Haley Cobb of the Lincoln County FFA Chapter; Vice President for West Tennessee Alyssa Fee of the Liberty FFA Chapter; Secretary Elissa McLerran of the Clay County FFA Chapter; Treasurer Olivia Fernandez of the Peabody

FFA Chapter; Reporter Emily Keeton of the Riverside FFA Chapter; and Sentinel Gina Locke of the Page FFA Chapter; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that we pause in our deliberations to commend these outstanding young people for their respective efforts in assuring the future progress and prosperity of agriculture in our nation; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that on the occasion of the 84th Tennessee State FFA Convention, we hereby honor and commend the 2011-2012 Tennessee State FFA Officers for their meritorious service to the organization and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.