

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. 1015

Expressing support for the designation of February 17 through February 24, 2024, as “National FFA Week”, recognizing the important role of the National FFA Organization in developing the next generation of globally conscious leaders who will change the world, and celebrating the 10th anniversary of the “Give the Gift of Blue” program, which has donated more than 17,000 of the iconic FFA jackets to FFA members in need.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 15, 2024

Mr. MANN (for himself, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. CARL, Mrs. PELTOLA, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mr. ISSA, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. COSTA, Ms. PORTER, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Ms. CARAVEO, Mr. STEUBE, Mrs. CAMMACK, Ms. LEE of Florida, Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. FERGUSON, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mrs. HINSON, Mr. FEENSTRA, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. SORENSEN, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. BOST, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mrs. HOUCHIN, Mr. PENCE, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. BANKS, Mr. LATURNER, Mr. ESTES, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Mr. BARR, Mr. COMER, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. WALBERG, Ms. CRAIG, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. STAUBER, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. SMITH of Missouri, Mr. ALFORD, Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, Mr. GUEST, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mr. ARMSTRONG, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. BACON, Mr. FLOOD, Mr. KEAN of New Jersey, Mr. VASQUEZ, Ms. STANSBURY, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. LANGWORTHY, Mr. LATTA, Mr. BALDERSON, Mr. LUCAS, Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMER, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. KUSTOFF, Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. CARTER of Texas, Mr. GOODEN of Texas, Ms. DE LA CRUZ, Mr. JACKSON of Texas, Ms. MALOY, Mr. CLINE, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mrs. RODGERS of Washington, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. VAN ORDEN, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. TIFFANY, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Ms. HAGEMAN, Ms. TOKUDA, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, and Mr. SOTO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the National FFA Organization (referred to in this preamble as the “FFA”) was established in 1928;

Whereas the mission of the FFA is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education;

Whereas the FFA has more than 945,000 members in 9,163 chapters in all 50 States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia;

Whereas the FFA welcomes all students;

Whereas more than 13,000 FFA advisors and agricultural education teachers deliver an integrated model of agricultural education, providing students with an innovative and cutting-edge education;

Whereas FFA facilitates formative experiences, altering the course of students’ lives for the better;

Whereas FFA members develop the necessary career-readiness skills to continue their education in college or to enter the workforce immediately;

Whereas FFA prepares members to be globally conscious citizens of their community, their State, their country, and the world;

Whereas FFA provides opportunities to demonstrate literacy, advocacy, and technical skills in agriculture, food, and natural resources;

Whereas the blue jacket's origin dates to 1933 in Fredericktown, Ohio, by Universal Uniform Company;

Whereas the jacket debuted at the 1933 National FFA Convention and were so popular, the convention's official delegates made them part of the official FFA attire;

Whereas 17,000 blue FFA jackets have been given to FFA members in need since 2014; and

Whereas members of the FFA will celebrate "National FFA Week" during the week of February 17 through February 24, 2024: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the designation of "National FFA
3 Week";

4 (2) recognizes the important role of the Na-
5 tional FFA Organization in developing the next gen-
6 eration of globally conscious leaders who will change
7 the world; and

8 (3) celebrates the 10th anniversary of the "Give
9 the Gift of Blue" program, which has donated more
10 than 17,000 of the iconic FFA jackets to FFA
11 members in need.

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