STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 46th Legislature (1998)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1068

By: Leist of the House

and

Muegge of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution declaring April 8, 1998, as 4-H Day at the Legislature; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, 4-H is the largest youth-serving organization in the world with membership in Oklahoma open to youth ages five to nineteen; and

WHEREAS, all 50 states and more than 80 countries worldwide have 4-H programs; and

WHEREAS, the roots of 4-H began at the turn of the century when educators started to emphasize the needs of young people and to introduce nature study as a basis for a better agricultural education; and

WHEREAS, 4-H began as a simultaneous response to needs throughout the country with the goal of the program to extend agricultural education to rural youth by organizing boys and girls clubs and through "learning by doing"; and

WHEREAS, the formal establishment of 4-H can be traced back to the enactment in 1914 of the Smith-Lever Act which established the Cooperative Extension System within the United States Department of Agriculture, the state land-grant universities and the counties; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years the overall objective of 4-H has remained the same: the development of youth as individuals and as responsible and productive citizens; and

WHEREAS, the universally known 4-H emblem, a four leaf clover with four H's, signifies head, heart, hands and health; and

WHEREAS, 4-H has a tremendous positive impact on young people and their families and on the communities where these families live; and

WHEREAS, 4-H has made significant contributions which have shaped the lives of many Oklahomans throughout the years; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma's state and district 4-H officers, along with the 4-H Ambassadors, will spend the day at the Oklahoma State Capitol on April 8, 1998, where the group will receive training in the legislative process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 46TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT April 8, 1998, be declared as "4-H Day at the Legislature".

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Department of Agricultural Education, Communications, and 4-H Youth Development at Oklahoma State University and the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service at Oklahoma State University.

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