ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 15

By: Lawler, Adelson, Aldridge, Anderson, Barrington, Bass, Branan, Brogdon, Cain, Capps, Coates, Coffee, Corn, Crain, Crutchfield, Easley, Eason McIntyre, Fisher, Ford, Garrison, Gumm, Harrison, Hobson, Johnson, Jolley, Justice, Kerr, Lamb, Laster, Laughlin, Leftwich, Lerblance, Mazzei, Monson, Morgan, Myers, Nichols, Paddack, Pruitt, Rabon, Reynolds, Riley, Shurden, Taylor, Wilcoxson, Williamson, Wilson and Wyrick

A Resolution declaring April 19, 2005, "4-H Day" at the Oklahoma State Capitol; welcoming 4-H personnel to the Oklahoma State Capitol; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, 4-H is the largest youth-serving organization in the world with membership in Oklahoma open to youth of five to nineteen years of age. 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. 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 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. The universally known 4-H emblem, a four-leaf clover with four Hs, 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. 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 19, 2005, where the group will receive training in the legislative process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate declares April 19, 2005, "4-H Day" at the Oklahoma State Capitol.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate welcomes 4-H personnel and all associated with them to the Oklahoma State Capitol.

THAT a copy 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.

Adopted by the Senate the 19th day of April, 2005.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate