

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE
RESOLUTION 1093

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AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution declaring April 5, 2006, "4-H Day" at the Oklahoma State Capitol; welcoming 4-H personnel to the Oklahoma State Capitol; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, 4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills; and

WHEREAS, 4-H is the largest youth organization in Oklahoma, reaching nearly 150,000 youth between the ages of five and nineteen during the past year through the fourfold development of the Head, Heart, Hands, and Health of every member; and

WHEREAS, 4-H in Oklahoma claims 990 youth volunteers and 3,388 adult volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the value of the volunteers' community service is estimated at a \$789,791.00 investment in the future that we all must share; and

WHEREAS, 4-H, as part of the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service, is a program where youth learn together in all kinds of projects, events, and activities; and

WHEREAS, 4-H has been helping youth and adults learn, grow, and work together for more than one hundred years; 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 5, 2006, 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 50th OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives declares April 5, 2006, "4-H Day" at the Oklahoma State Capitol.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives 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.

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