STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE
RESOLUTION SR56 By: Fields

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A Resolution proclaiming April 6, 2016 to be the 20th Annual 4-H Day at the State Capitol.

WHEREAS, 4-H is the youth component of the Cooperative Extension Service and has based its programming on the philosophy of "learning by doing" since the initiation of the program in Oklahoma in 1908; and

WHEREAS, the 4-H program is geared toward young people between the ages of 5 and 19 and helping them create their future by developing valuable life skills such as self-esteem, leadership and citizenship they will carry on throughout all aspects of their lives; and

WHEREAS, 4-H addresses issues facing today's youth no matter where they live - rural communities, suburbs or inner cities; and

WHEREAS, youth involved in 4-H are led by caring adults whose generosity of time helps club members develop courage, confidence, determination and entrepreneurship within themselves; and

WHEREAS, 4-H programming continues to evolve in order to meet the ever-changing needs of today's youth, while still honoring its roots of agricultural-related programming; and

WHEREAS, club members are encouraged to share with our state leaders what the 4-H organization has grown in them; and

WHEREAS, 4-H youth across this great state and nation continue to make a difference in their cities and towns by volunteering their service and being civically active; and

WHEREAS, educational, engaging, fun and student-centered programs are available through traditional clubs, project clubs and school enrichment programs; and

WHEREAS, volunteer leaders and Oklahoma 4-H members combined annually contribute more than 135,000 volunteer hours of service, valued at a $2.5 million contribution back to their communities and state; and

WHEREAS, 4-H has programs on food and nutrition, science and technology, natural resources, substance abuse prevention, growing plants, caring for farm animals, career education, community pride, citizenship and leadership; and

WHEREAS, 4-H members continue to work together to follow the 4-H motto of "To Make the Best Better" in all communities across the state; and

WHEREAS, 4-H is part of the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service provided by Oklahoma State University and Langston

University, where youth are twice as likely to participate in science, engineering and computer technology programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate hereby proclaims April 6, 2016, the 20th Annual 4-H Day at the Capitol in Oklahoma, celebrating youth who have made an impact on the community and are stepping up to the challenges of a complex and changing world, and continuing to share "What 4-H Grows."

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