

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

4 SENATE CONCURRENT
5 RESOLUTION 5

 By: Pederson of the Senate

 and

 Patzkowsky of the House

11 AS INTRODUCED

12 A Concurrent Resolution proclaiming April 23, 2025,
13 as the 26th Annual Oklahoma 4-H Day at the Capitol.

17 WHEREAS, the youth of Oklahoma and the nation represent the
18 future, and their development is paramount to the well-being and
19 prosperity of communities across the country; and

20 WHEREAS, for a quarter of a century, this annual celebration of
21 4-H Day at the Capitol has provided an opportunity for club members
22 to share their 4-H stories with state leaders; and

1 WHEREAS, 4-H is the youth development component of the Oklahoma
2 State University and Langston University Extension programs geared
3 toward young people ages 5 to 19; and

4 WHEREAS, for nearly 120 years, 4-H has helped thousands of club
5 members develop life skills such as leadership, decision-making,
6 time management, and civic engagement; and

7 WHEREAS, programming in 4-H is changing continually to meet the
8 needs of today's youth; and

9 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma 4-H Youth Development Program reinforces
10 the learn-by-doing philosophy through hands-on, experiential
11 learning opportunities; and

12 WHEREAS, 4-H reaches more than 180,000 participants each year
13 through membership, project clubs, and school enrichment; and

14 WHEREAS, Oklahoma State University Extension and Langston
15 University 4-H'ers participate in STEM, civic engagement, healthy
16 living, leisure sciences, natural resources, and agriculture
17 programs; and

18 WHEREAS, dedicated and committed volunteers, mentors, and
19 supporters play a pivotal role in the success of the organization;
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21 WHEREAS, youth who participate in 4-H are four times more likely
22 to make contributions to their communities; and

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1 WHEREAS, there are nearly 1,200 adult volunteer leaders who
2 serve as mentors and provide leadership while fostering positive
3 adult/youth partnerships; and

4 WHEREAS, youth volunteers develop life skills by serving as
5 mentors/role models and provide leadership to club members; and

6 WHEREAS, 4-H provides programming beyond traditional
7 agricultural projects, including food and nutrition, horticulture,
8 photography, robotics, community development, companion animals, and
9 more; and

10 WHEREAS, youth participating in 4-H are encouraged to share with
11 state leaders how 4-H is making communities better through project
12 work and service learning activities; and

13 WHEREAS, adult volunteer leaders and club members combined
14 annually contribute more than 100,000 volunteer hours to the
15 betterment of Oklahoma; and

16 WHEREAS, 4-H members continue to work together and follow the
17 motto "To Make the Best Better" in all that they do; and

18 WHEREAS, the annual Oklahoma 4-H Day at the Capitol provides an
19 opportunity to share with state leaders the positive impact they
20 have on their communities, counties, and state.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
22 OF THE 60TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
23 CONCURRING THEREIN:
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1 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature hereby proclaims April 23, 2025,
2 as the 26th Annual Oklahoma 4-H Day at the Capitol, celebrating
3 youth who have made an impact on the community and who are stepping
4 up to the challenges of a complex and changing world, and continuing
5 to share the positive impact Oklahoma 4-H has on our youth, our
6 communities, and our state because "We Are Oklahoma 4-H."

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8 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.