

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF VIRGINIA -- 2001 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 790

Proclaiming Thursday, February 22, 2001, as Virginia FFA Day.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 16, 2001
Agreed to by the Senate, February 14, 2001

WHEREAS, the Future Farmers of America (FFA) has prepared generations of young Americans not only for careers in agriculture but also for prominent roles in the civic life of communities across this nation; and

WHEREAS, FFA was founded in Virginia as the Future Farmers of Virginia in 1926; and

WHEREAS, the week of February 18-24, 2001, is to be observed as National FFA Week in honor of the noteworthy contributions of past and present members of the FFA; and

WHEREAS, the theme of this year's observance, "FFA: Discover the Power," is highly appropriate in view of the many past and current American leaders who were former FFA members; and

WHEREAS, the father of our country, George Washington, figures prominently in FFA symbolism and ceremonies, which celebrate his agricultural background and the values he represented; and

WHEREAS, it is especially fitting that Virginia, firmly rooted in the Jeffersonian faith that agrarian ideals are the foundation of a democratic society, should acknowledge and celebrate the importance of an organization that so clearly reflects and preserves those ideals; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That Thursday, February 22, 2001, be proclaimed Virginia FFA Day to recognize FFA chapters throughout Virginia for their contributions to the economic health and civic vitality of the Commonwealth; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of the Commonwealth in order that she may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia in this matter.

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