HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 697

Proclaiming Thursday, February 25, 1999, as Virginia FFA Day.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 8, 1999 Agreed to by the Senate, February 18, 1999

WHEREAS, the FFA (Future Farmers of America) 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, the week of February 20-27, 1999, is to be observed as National FFA Week in honor of these contributions; and

WHEREAS, the theme of this year's observance, "Making the Connection," is highly appropriate in view of the many past and current American leaders who were former FFA members; 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 25, 1999, be proclaimed as Virginia FFA Day to recognize FFA chapters throughout Virginia for their contributions to the economic health and civic vitality of the Commonwealth.