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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, in October 1908, a group of about sixty-five (65) boys formed the White County Corn and Cotton Club as a way to learn the latest in agricultural technology, resulting in their learned agricultural practices being adopted by their counterparts, and this club became the Arkansas 4-H program, with the four (4) "Hs" standing for head, heart, hands, and health; and

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WHEREAS, while the activities that the participants in Arkansas 4-H enjoy may have changed since 1908, the mission of 4-H to help the youth of the United States become productive citizens has not changed; and

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WHEREAS, the seed planted by the White County Corn and Cotton Club provided the roots for a program that today reaches more than one hundred forty-four thousand (144,000) young people in school enrichment programs and



1 over two hundred fifty-eight thousand (258,000) young people ages five to
2 nineteen (5-19) in all program areas across the seventy-five (75) counties of
3 Arkansas, including young people from rural, suburban, and urban areas of the
4 state; and

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6 WHEREAS, Arkansas 4-H is the premier youth development program
7 conducted by the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service of the
8 University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture; and

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10 WHEREAS, through informal, scientific, research-based, and experiential
11 education activities, 4-H participants gain knowledge and enhance life skills
12 enabling them to become positive, productive, capable, and compassionate
13 members of society; and

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15 WHEREAS, 4-H is designed to prepare young people to step up to the
16 challenges in their communities and provide youth with the skills to lead for
17 a lifetime; and

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19 WHEREAS, the core elements of 4-H include youth leadership, youth-adult
20 partnerships, life skills learning, and community service; and

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22 WHEREAS, 4-H members complete hands-on projects in areas like science,
23 health, agriculture, and citizenship in a positive environment in which they
24 receive guidance from adult mentors and are encouraged to take on proactive
25 leadership roles; and

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27 WHEREAS, the Arkansas 4-H program fosters an innovative "learn-by-
28 doing" approach with proven results, and 4-H is committed to building
29 outstanding leaders with marketable skills to succeed in today's global
30 society through in-school and after-school programs and on military
31 installations; and

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33 WHEREAS, findings from the Tufts University 4-H Study of Positive Youth
34 Development indicate that, when compared to their peers, young people in 4-H
35 make more civic contributions to their communities and make healthier
36 choices; and

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WHEREAS, in 2019, the National 4-H Council partnered with Edge Research to conduct a study of all 4-H alumni across the country, and the results showed that a 4-H experience correlates with long-term success in life; and

WHEREAS, 4-H is the nation's largest youth development organization, empowering nearly six million (6,000,000) young people throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the structured learning, encouragement, and adult mentoring provided to 4-H members by the thousands of hours given by Arkansas volunteers play a vital role in helping our youth achieve success,

NOW THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives recognize the positive impact of the Arkansas 4-H program on our youth and proclaim March 4, 2025, as 4-H Day at the State Capitol.

/s/C. Cooper