

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 549

Expressing support for the designation of February 17 through February 24, 2024, as “National FFA Week”, recognizing the important role of the National FFA Organization in developing the next generation of globally conscious leaders who will change the world, and celebrating the 10th anniversary of the “Give the Gift of Blue” program, which has donated more than 17,000 of the iconic FFA blue jackets to FFA members in need.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 8 (legislative day, FEBRUARY 7), 2024

Mr. YOUNG (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. BUTLER, Mr. CARPER, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KELLY, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. OSSOFF, Ms. SINEMA, Ms. SMITH, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. DAINES, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. RISCH, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. COTTON, Mr. BARRASSO, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. THUNE, Mr. McCONNELL, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BRAUN, Ms. ERNST, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. BRITT, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. WICKER, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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brating the 10th anniversary of the “Give the Gift of Blue” program, which has donated more than 17,000 of the iconic FFA blue jackets to FFA members in need.

Whereas the National FFA Organization (referred to in this preamble as the “FFA”) was established in 1928;

Whereas the mission of the FFA is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education;

Whereas the FFA has more than 945,000 members in 9,163 chapters in all 50 States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia;

Whereas the FFA welcomes all students;

Whereas more than 13,000 FFA advisors and agricultural education teachers deliver an integrated model of agricultural education, providing students with an innovative and cutting-edge education;

Whereas the FFA facilitates formative experiences, altering the course of students’ lives for the better;

Whereas FFA members develop the necessary career-readiness skills to continue their education in college or to enter the workforce immediately;

Whereas the FFA prepares members to be globally conscious citizens of their community, their State, their country, and the world;

Whereas the FFA provides opportunities to demonstrate literacy, advocacy, and technical skills in agriculture, food, and natural resources;

Whereas the blue jacket originated in 1933 in Fredericktown, Ohio and was created by the Universal Uniform Company;

Whereas the blue jacket debuted at the 1933 National FFA Convention and was so popular the convention’s official delegates made the blue jacket part of the official FFA attire;

Whereas 17,000 FFA blue jackets have been given to FFA members in need since 2014; and

Whereas members of the FFA will celebrate “National FFA Week” during the week of February 17 through February 24, 2024: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) supports the designation of February 17
3 through February 24, 2024, as “National FFA
4 Week”;

5 (2) recognizes the important role of the Na-
6 tional FFA Organization (referred to in this resolu-
7 tion as the “FFA”) in developing the next genera-
8 tion of globally conscious leaders who will change the
9 world; and

10 (3) celebrates the 10th anniversary of the “Give
11 the Gift of Blue” program, which has donated more
12 than 17,000 of the iconic FFA blue jackets to FFA
13 members in need.

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