



HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 02-1013

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CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF COLORADO 4-H DAY.

WHEREAS, Succeeding generations of well-educated, concerned, and involved youth are required to ensure that America has a competent and innovative work force, a cohesive social structure, an effective education system, strong leadership, continued economic prosperity, and healthy communities in the years to come; and

WHEREAS, The 4-H Program is founded on the notion that youth are a vital resource for ensuring a better tomorrow, and that assisting youth as they prepare for the future is the 4-H Program's central mission; and

WHEREAS, In 2002, the National 4-H Program is celebrating its centennial as one of our nation's longest serving youth development programs, offering a wealth of opportunities for young people to acquire decision-making, leadership, and communication skills, as well as a host of other life skills, in a hands-on, friendly learning environment; and

WHEREAS, Since 1914, young people in all parts of Colorado have employed 4-H's "learn-by-doing" philosophy while working on a wide range of constructive and engaging projects and, in the process, have learned to manage time, follow through on commitments, meet deadlines, and cooperate with one another; and

WHEREAS, Nearly 150,000 Colorado youth, with the guidance of over 10,000 adult and youth volunteer leaders, currently contribute to their communities and gain practical experience in such subject areas as workforce preparation and career exploration, leadership and volunteerism, character and ethics, food and nutrition, agriculture and natural resources, conservation, consumer decision-making, veterinary medicine, animal sciences, and public speaking, just to name a few; and

WHEREAS, For 50 years the Colorado 4-H Youth Fund, Inc., has provided invaluable support to Colorado 4-H by funding programs for which public funds are unavailable and by providing awards and recognition to Colorado 4-H participants; and

WHEREAS, Colorado 4-H provides youth an opportunity to interact with people from other countries and cultures through its international exchange program, which pairs participants from other nations with host families in Colorado and places Colorado 4-H members in homes abroad; and

WHEREAS, The 4-H emblem, a green, four-leaf clover with a white "H" on each leaf, represents the characteristics each 4-H participant develops: Head, which involves thinking, making decisions, and learning new things; heart, which entails caring about other people, accepting responsibility, and developing positive values; hands, which symbolize the effort to acquire and perfect new skills; and health, which involves protecting the well-being of the self and others; and

WHEREAS, Participation in 4-H in Colorado is open to youth from all economic, social, and cultural backgrounds between the ages of 5 and 19; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-third General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:

(1) That the General Assembly salutes the Colorado 4-H Program in its efforts to prepare Colorado's youth for the future.

(2) That the General Assembly commends the Colorado 4-H Youth Fund, Inc., on its 50th anniversary, for its work in supporting the mission of the Colorado 4-H program.

(3) That the General Assembly wishes to encourage young people in Colorado to get a head start on life by participating in 4-H activities.

Be It Further Resolved, That the State of Colorado hereby declares this day, February 4, 2002, Colorado 4-H Day in recognition of the 4-H Program's efforts on behalf of Colorado's youth.

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