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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, 4-H is the largest youth organization in the State of Illinois, challenging nearly 300,000 Illinois youth to "learn by doing" with fun, hands-on activities teaching skills for living; and

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WHEREAS, 4-H is the premier youth educational program of the United States Department of Agriculture and supported by the latest research from Illinois' land grant university, the University of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, 4-H is part of the University of Illinois Extension and is available to all youth in every county in the State; and

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WHEREAS, More than 24,000 caring, nurturing adults volunteer with 4-H youth by creating learning laboratories to practice real world skills needed today and in the future; and

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WHEREAS, 4-H enriches the lives of Illinois youth while focusing on the mission mandates of science, engineering, and technology, healthy living, and citizenship/leadership; and

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WHEREAS, 4-H is committed nationally to engage One Million New Scientists and One Million New Ideas by the year 2012

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1 through promoting the concepts of science, engineering, and
2 technology in 4-H programs and activities; and

3 WHEREAS, Research by Tufts University has shown that 4-H
4 members do better in school, are more likely to see themselves
5 going to college, are less likely to engage in risky behaviors,
6 and contribute more to their communities; and

7 WHEREAS, 4-H offers youth supervised independence, a sense
8 of belonging, a spirit of generosity towards others, and an
9 opportunity to master life challenges; and

10 WHEREAS, 4-H members pledge their head, heart, hands, and
11 health to making the best better in their clubs, communities,
12 country, and world; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that Tuesday, March 9, 2010
15 is 4-H Day at the Illinois State Capitol, saluting the rich
16 traditions of Illinois 4-H, the outstanding accomplishments of
17 Illinois 4-H members and leaders and the commitment to science
18 education for our future generations.