

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2009**

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION DRSJR55484-LG-188 (07/17)**

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Sponsors:     Senator Rand.

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Referred to:

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1   A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE NORTH CAROLINA 4-H ON THE ONE  
2       HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDING.

3           Whereas, the forerunners to the modern 4-H program in North Carolina, the Corn  
4   Clubs, were established in Hertford County, North Carolina, in 1909 to aid farm boys in the  
5   improvement of corn yields; and

6           Whereas, the first Tomato Clubs were established in the Piedmont in 1911 to  
7   organize young girls to learn the art of canning; and

8           Whereas, successive generations of North Carolina 4-H youth have joined millions  
9   of 4-H'ers nationwide in pledging their heads, hearts, hands, and health to their clubs,  
10  communities, country, and world; and

11          Whereas, beginning 100 years ago these pioneers worked to improve the quality of  
12  rural life and helped this country prevail during the Great Depression and two World Wars; and

13          Whereas, they helped to bring 4-H to the cities and suburbs of North Carolina and  
14  the country and mold 4-H as the largest youth development organization, utilizing varied  
15  programs ranging from robotics to healthy living, from citizenship to raising animals, from  
16  starting a business to helping conserve water in their communities and many other  
17  opportunities for all North Carolina youth to learn life skills that prepare them to work for the  
18  common good; and

19          Whereas, North Carolina 4-H was led through the last century by a succession of  
20  outstanding men and women, including I.O. Schaub, T.E. Browne, John D. Wray, Jane S.  
21  McKimmon, L.R. Harrill, R.E. Jones, T. Carlton Blalock, Chester D. Black, Donald L.  
22  Stormer, Dalton R. Proctor, Michael A. Davis, Thearon T. McKinney, and now R. Marshall  
23  Stewart; and

24          Whereas, from its modest beginnings, North Carolina 4-H has grown to a diverse,  
25  wide-ranging statewide youth development organization with 239,904 active youth  
26  participating in more than 10,000 programs, supported by 22,980 caring, adult volunteers and  
27  led by the professional extension staff from the State's two land-grant universities, North  
28  Carolina Agricultural & Technical University in Greensboro and North Carolina State  
29  University in Raleigh; and

30          Whereas, 4-H'ers today are organized and active in all of North Carolina's 100  
31  counties and Qualla Boundary; and

32          Whereas, North Carolina 4-H will be celebrating its centennial anniversary formally  
33  on July 21, 2009, and throughout 2009 and 2010; Now, therefore,

34  Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

35         **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of those pioneering youth  
36  and adults whose steadfast dedication and far-reaching vision established the foundation on  
37  which today's North Carolina 4-H is built.



1           **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly congratulates North Carolina 4-H on the  
2 attainment of its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and thanks all 4-H'ers, adult volunteers, agents, and  
3 specialists, past and present, for their outstanding contribution to the improvement of our State.

4           **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this  
5 resolution to the President of the North Carolina 4-H Council.

6           **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.