

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 130

BY SENATOR THOMPSON

A RESOLUTION

To designate May 31, 2017, as "4-H Day" at the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana and commends the state 4-H officers.

WHEREAS, 4-H is the largest youth development organization, empowering more than six million young people throughout the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, through America's land-grant universities, 4-H reaches every corner of the United States, from urban neighborhoods to suburban schoolyards to rural farming communities; and

WHEREAS, 4-H represents head, heart, hands, and health as core values of all members, ages eight to eighteen, and works to develop each through engaging programs; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana main office of 4-H is the premier youth development program of the Louisiana State University (LSU) AgCenter Cooperative Extension System, and includes clubs, camps, and afterschool programs that help members become responsible citizens leading healthy and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, with a network of more than six million that includes more than five hundred thousand volunteers, more than three thousand professionals, and more than twenty-five million alumni; and

WHEREAS, 4-H helps to shape our country's youth in ways that no other youth organization does; it empowers all members to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults, and growing together as catalysts for positive change; and

WHEREAS, 4-H'ers engage in hands-on learning activities in the areas of science, citizenship, and healthy living; and

WHEREAS, 4-H girls are two times more likely in grade ten, and nearly three times more likely in grade twelve, to take part in science programs; 4-H boys and girls are four times more likely to contribute to their communities, including academic achievement and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, the 4-H program is enhanced by leading corporations, foundations, and organizations, whose support allows the development of cutting-edge models for young people to learn real-world skills that will better prepare them for the challenges of today and tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, the national 4-H social networks and social media communities are managed by the National 4-H Council, and help to further first-of-its-kind research projects to reveal how young people benefit from life-changing experiences; and

WHEREAS, the state 4-H officers are Jill Wiltz, president; Brittney Lea, vice president; Taylor Goss, secretary; Stanley Celestine Jr., historian/reporter; and Patrick Cormier, parliamentarian; and

WHEREAS, each officer works with the entire membership to improve their heads for managing and clearer thinking, their hearts for caring and greater loyalty, their hands for giving and enlarging service, and their health to better living, all done for their club, their community, their country, and their world.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate May 31, 2017, as "4-H Day" at the legislature and commends the state 4-H officers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the 4-H state president, Jill Wiltz.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE