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HOUSE RESOLUTION 85*

Sponsors: Representatives Langdon and Waddell (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to:

February 11, 2013

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF THOSE WHO HAVE
2 CONTRIBUTED TO THE STATE'S AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION PROGRAM AND
3 THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA (FFA) ORGANIZATION WHILE
4 OBSERVING NATIONAL FFA WEEK AND NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL
5 EDUCATION AND FFA DAY.

6 Whereas, agricultural education provides a strong foundation for the youth of
7 America and for the future of our food, fiber, and natural resources systems; and

8 Whereas, agricultural education ensures a steady supply of young professionals to
9 meet the growing demands of agriculture, including the areas of science, business, and
10 technology; and

11 Whereas, agricultural education is a 12-month educational program providing
12 summer agriculture and agribusiness experiences and leadership training through 23 different
13 career and technical education classes; and

14 Whereas, North Carolina's agricultural education program is the seventh largest in
15 the United States and has one of the highest high school student retention and graduation rates
16 in the nation; and

17 Whereas, the Future Farmers of America (FFA) organization is an integral part of
18 the State's agricultural education program; and

19 Whereas, FFA was founded in 1928 by a group of vocational agriculture students
20 meeting in Kansas City, Missouri; and

21 Whereas, FFA grew as it merged with other agricultural organizations, including the
22 Young Tarheel Farmers, founded in 1928; the North State Farmers, also founded in 1928; and
23 the New Farmers of America (NFA), founded in 1935; and

24 Whereas, today, FFA is a national organization of 550,000 students involved with
25 agricultural education in secondary schools, technical colleges, and universities with chapters
26 in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands; and

27 Whereas, the FFA motto, "learning to do, doing to learn, earning to live, living to
28 serve," gives direction of purpose to the students wanting to succeed in agricultural education;
29 and

30 Whereas, North Carolina's FFA members are recognized nationally for their quality
31 agricultural training, leadership abilities, academic achievements, and community service; and

32 Whereas, North Carolina's agricultural educators are known and respected
33 throughout the nation for their exemplary leadership in planning and implementing superb
34 programs on behalf of FFA members; and



1 Whereas, since 1929, there has been a succession of outstanding leaders and
2 educators in agricultural education and FFA, including Tom Brown, S.B. Simmons, A.G.
3 Bullard, R.J. Peeler, Vaiden Hairr, C.V. (Vic) Tart, and Charles Keels; and

4 Whereas, agricultural education programs and FFA organizations are dedicated to
5 making a positive difference in the lives of their members by developing their potential for
6 premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education; Now,
7 therefore,

8 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

9 **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives honors the memory of Tom Brown,
10 S.B. Simmons, A.G. Bullard, R.J. Peeler, Vaiden Hairr, C.V. (Vic) Tart, and Charles Keels and
11 expresses its appreciation for their leadership, dedication, and contributions to agricultural
12 education and FFA in North Carolina.

13 **SECTION 2.** The House of Representatives recognizes and commends North
14 Carolina's agricultural education program and the FFA organization and all who support,
15 promote, and encourage the outstanding students of this program and organization.

16 **SECTION 3.** The House of Representatives encourages the citizens of this State to
17 observe February 17-23, 2013, as National FFA Week, and February 12, 2013, as Agricultural
18 Education and FFA Day in North Carolina.

19 **SECTION 4.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
20 to the President of the North Carolina FFA.

21 **SECTION 5.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.