

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1108

Sponsors: Senator Rand.

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July 21, 2009

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 100th 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.