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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, 4-H is the largest youth organization in the State of Illinois, challenging nearly 300,000 Illinois youth and adults with unique "hands on" learning each year; and

WHEREAS, 4-H is an effective educational program, based on the expertise of the United States Department of Agriculture and University of Illinois Extension, planned by local, county, and State committees; and

WHEREAS, More than 25,000 caring, nurturing adults work together with 4-H youth in family and community environments to create real life learning laboratories that help youth practice skills they need today and will continue to use in their future; and

WHEREAS, 4-H enriches Illinois youth with important programs that make countless differences in the lives of youth and adults and the communities in which they live; and

WHEREAS, 4-H is a family and community effort supplementing and complementing the home, church, and school with action-oriented and practical educational experiences; and

WHEREAS, This year, Illinois 4-H youth celebrate the national 4-H movement, an idea that was conceived by early Illinois educators and now annually reaches more than 8 million American youth and is found in 82 nations around the world; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we hereby designate Wednesday, March 16, 2005, as 4-H Day at the State Capitol, and we salute the rich traditions of Illinois 4-H club work and the outstanding accomplishments of

1 Illinois 4-H members and leaders.