

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2013**

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**SENATE RESOLUTION 66\***

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Sponsors: Senators Jackson (Primary Sponsor); Barefoot, Brock, Brown, Daniel, Hise, Kinnaird, McLaurin, Newton, Rabin, Tarte, Tucker, and Woodard.

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Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

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February 11, 2013

1 A SENATE 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 Senate:

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

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

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