

## House Resolution 813

By: Representatives Jasperse of the 11<sup>th</sup>, Smith of the 139<sup>th</sup>, Hagan of the 156<sup>th</sup>, Wiedower of the 121<sup>st</sup>, Barton of the 5<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the University of Georgia 4-H Program, Thomas Holt, Melanie Biersmith, and  
2 the 2023-2024 4-H leadership teams and award winners and recognizing February 14, 2024,  
3 as 4-H Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, 4-H members consistently demonstrate the ability and leadership necessary to  
5 be champions and serve as outstanding representatives and officers of the young people of  
6 Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, Thomas Holt of Ben Hill County serves with distinction and dedication as state  
8 4-H president; Melanie Biersmith of the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension has  
9 worked diligently as state 4-H leader/director; and the leadership, dedication, and hard work  
10 of Tyson Mathis of Oconee County, William Parish of Gordon County, Lauren Coley of  
11 Bleckley County, and Jacob Bennett of Grady County as district presidents have been  
12 acknowledged by the 4-H membership in their election of each of these young people to  
13 serve as president for 2023-2024; and

14 WHEREAS, the excellent records of accomplishment in citizenship and leadership of  
15 Jackson Moore of Stephens County, Venya Gunjal of Cobb County, Hannah Jones of Gordon  
16 County, Aarsheya Gunjal of Cobb County, Lauren Coley of Bleckley County, and Bethany

17 Samuel of Tift County have been exemplified by their selection as delegates for the 2023  
18 National 4-H Conference; Jack Wurst of Columbia County and Amiyah Elam of Ware  
19 County were named 2023 Leadership in Action winners; and

20 WHEREAS, Emma Bayer of Cobb County, Chanthony Andrews Jr. of Glynn County,  
21 Lauren Coley of Bleckley County, Braylen Howell of Baldwin County, Hannah Jones of  
22 Gordon County, and Kareem El-Gayyar of Fayette County were named state winners in the  
23 2023 Deans Awards competition; Alyssa Haag, Robie Lucas, Lilly Ann Smith, and Leah  
24 Szczepanski of Oconee County were named the 2023 National Winners of the National  
25 Consumer Judging Contest; and

26 WHEREAS, Cindy Meadows of Seminole County was named the 2023 William H. Booth  
27 Award Honoree; Rachel Frisbie of Monroe County received the 2023 Ryles Rising Star  
28 Award; Rhonda Dunnaway of Gordon County was named the 2023 Volunteer of the Year;  
29 and John Jones received the 2023 Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Award.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
31 the members of this body commend the University of Georgia College of Agricultural and  
32 Environmental Sciences 4-H Program; Thomas Holt, state 4-H president; Melanie Biersmith,  
33 state 4-H leader/director; the 2023-2024 4-H district presidents; the 2023 National 4-H  
34 Conference delegates; the 2023 Leadership in Action winners; the 2023 Deans Awards  
35 winners; the 2023 National Winners in the National Consumer Judging Contest; the 2023  
36 William H. Booth Award Honoree; the 2023 Ryles Rising Star winner; the 2023 Volunteer  
37 of the Year; and the 2023 Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer winner for their numerous  
38 accomplishments and for the leadership they have demonstrated as well as recognize  
39 February 14, 2024, as 4-H Day at the state capitol.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
41 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
42 University of Georgia Cooperative Extension.