

## Senate Resolution 5EX

By: Senators Walker III of the 20<sup>th</sup>, Wilkinson of the 50<sup>th</sup>, Black of the 8<sup>th</sup>, Harper of the 7<sup>th</sup>, Kirk of the 13<sup>th</sup> and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Bleckley County FFA members Louie Lumley, Seth DuBois,  
2 Tucker Felkins, and Jacob Smith for winning the FFA Agricultural Technology and  
3 Mechanical Systems Career Development Event (CDE) at the 91st National FFA convention;  
4 and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, the National FFA Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems CDE is a  
6 competitive event that allows students to apply classroom knowledge to real-life situations  
7 and helps students develop technical knowledge and an ability to work with others to solve  
8 complex agricultural problems; and

9 WHEREAS, the Bleckley County team of Louie Lumley, Seth DuBois, Tucker Felkins, and  
10 Jacob Smith won the National FFA Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems CDE  
11 at the 91st National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana; and

12 WHEREAS, the team from Bleckley County earned the right to represent Georgia at the  
13 national competition by defeating all other FFA teams in the State of Georgia in March,  
14 2018; and

15 WHEREAS, the national winning team completed seven agricultural mechanics activities,  
16 and the four-person team solved a multi-system agricultural problem scenario, constructed  
17 an agricultural structure and prepared a report while judges evaluated, and individuals  
18 completed a written exam and five agricultural technology and mechanical practicums in the  
19 distinct areas of compact equipment, electricity, environment and natural resources,  
20 agricultural machinery, and metal fabrication; and

21 WHEREAS, the Bleckley County team defeated all the other teams from across the nation,  
22 and the students who performed the highest at this CDE demonstrated a mastery of  
23 agricultural mechanics subject matter, effective communication skills, superior  
24 problem-solving techniques, and an understanding of modern technology; and

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25 WHEREAS, the phenomenal performance of the Bleckley County FFA team is a clear  
26 indication of their outstanding technological ability and knowledge, their dedication and hard  
27 work, and their passion for outdoorsmanship, as well as the astute direction of the team's  
28 advisor, Dr. Walt Parks; and

29 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
30 extraordinary FFA team be appropriately recognized.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
32 recognize Bleckley County FFA members Louie Lumley, Seth DuBois, Tucker Felkins, and  
33 Jacob Smith for winning the FFA Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems Career  
34 Development Event (CDE) held at the 91st National FFA convention; commend the team for  
35 the great pride it has brought to the citizens of Georgia; and extend its members best wishes  
36 for their continued success.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
38 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to members of the  
39 Bleckley County FFA team.