

House Resolution 368

By: Representative Channell of the 111th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Putnam County High School Future Farmers of America dairy judging
2 team and inviting them to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Putnam County High School Future Farmers of America dairy judging team
5 won the national championship for 1999, competing against teams from 45 states; and

6 WHEREAS, the team amassed a record score of 2,286 points out of a possible score of 2,850
7 points in an intensive two-day national competition; and

8 WHEREAS, the team's national championship secured its right to represent the United States
9 at the International Dairy Judging Contest held in conjunction with the Royal Highland Show
10 in Edinburgh, Scotland; and

11 WHEREAS, the members of this remarkable team expended tremendous effort in preparing
12 for the international competition; and

13 WHEREAS, a dairy judging competition involves evaluating six classes of four cows each
14 and giving oral reasons for the rankings assigned to the cows; but the Scottish rules and
15 procedures were different from those in this country: the Scottish competition allowed only
16 about half as much time to look over the cows, put the team members inside the ring with the
17 cows, and changed the format for explaining reasons for rankings; and

18 WHEREAS, despite unfamiliar rules, the team from Putnam County won first place in the
19 international competition; and

20 WHEREAS, the members of this outstanding team are Tonya Boswell, Brittany Neff, Brandi
21 Scheller, and Christie Sheppard; and

1 WHEREAS, their coach, agriculture teacher Dr. Dennis Sheppard, encouraged the young
2 women to work hard to sharpen their skills and resolve to do their best; and

3 WHEREAS, the skills and traits developed in preparing for this competition — analysis,
4 persistence, focus, and poise in speaking — will help ensure a bright future for these
5 remarkable young women.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
7 the members of this body congratulate the Putnam County High School Future Farmers of
8 America dairy judging team, International Champions, and invite them to appear before the
9 House of Representatives on a day and time to be designated by the Speaker of the House.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
11 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Putnam County High School
12 and to each member of the team.