

House Resolution 62

By: Representatives Belton of the 112th, England of the 116th, Corbett of the 174th, Dickey of the 140th, Pirkle of the 155th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Doster B. Harper as the 2020-2021 National FFA President; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the National FFA Organization has more than 760,000 members in 8,739 local
4 chapters across the nation, and Georgia is the third largest state association with more than
5 73,000 members; and

6 WHEREAS, the mission of the FFA is to make a positive difference in the lives of students
7 by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success; the
8 FFA meets this mission by growing leaders, building communities, and strengthening
9 agriculture; and

10 WHEREAS, Doster B. Harper was born on June 6, 2000, to lifelong Newton County,
11 Georgia, residents Lance and Debbie Harper; siblings, Lucas and Sam Harper; grandparents,
12 Doug and Carole Doster; and Linda and Delano Harper; and

13 WHEREAS, Doster is a 2018 honor graduate of Eastside High School who served as Newton
14 College & Career Academy FFA Chapter treasurer from 2016 to 2017 and president from
15 2017 to 2018; and

16 WHEREAS, Doster was awarded the Congressional ROTC Scholarship in May 2018 to
17 attend the University of Georgia, where he is currently a junior majoring in agricultural
18 science and environmental science; serves as captain of the UGA ROTC Bulldog Battalion;
19 is a member of the UGA Army Ranger Challenge team; is a University of Georgia tour
20 leader; and is part of the UGA Collegiate Young Farmers & Ranchers; and

21 WHEREAS, in 2018, Doster was elected to serve Georgia as a State FFA Vice President; and

22 WHEREAS, Doster received his American FFA degree in October 2019, the highest honor
23 awarded to FFA members who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment to FFA
24 and made significant accomplishments in their supervised agricultural experience; and

25 WHEREAS, Doster was among a group of four young people in Georgia who were
26 interviewed to be chosen as Georgia's candidate for National FFA Office, and he spent four
27 months studying, researching, interviewing, and preparing as one of 38 candidates from
28 across the nation to participate in the National Officer Candidate selection process; and

29 WHEREAS, out of a group of nine college-aged FFA members who went through seven
30 rounds of interviews, Doster was selected to be the 2020-2021 National FFA President; and

31 WHEREAS, after graduation, Doster plans to commission as a second lieutenant in the
32 United States Army.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body commend Doster B. Harper as the 2020-2021 National FFA
35 President and extend best wishes for continued success.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
38 Doster B. Harper.