

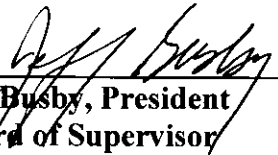
**ORDER: APPROVE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING 100 YEAR  
ANNIVERSARY OF COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SYSTEMS**

Motion was made by Mike Pickens, duly seconded by Chad McLarty, to approve Resolution Celebrating 100 Year Anniversary of Cooperative Extension System.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Supervisor Mike Pickens, voted yes  
Supervisor Jeff Busby, voted yes  
Supervisor Robert Blackmon, voted yes  
Supervisor Chad McLarty, voted yes  
Supervisor Mike Roberts, voted yes

After the vote, President Busby, declared the motion carried, this the 5th day of May, 2014.

  
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Jeff Busby, President  
Board of Supervisor

  
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Sherry Wall, Chancery Clerk

## RESOLUTION

### OF THE

#### LAFAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Smith-Lever Act,  
The founding legislation of the nationwide Cooperative Extension System**

**Whereas** May 8, 2014, marks the centennial of the signing of the Smith-Lever Act (Act of May 8, 1914, Ch. 79, 38 Stat. 372, 7 U.S.C. 341 et seq.), which established Cooperative Extension, the nationwide transformational education system operating through land-grant universities in partnership with federal, state, and local governments,

**Whereas** U.S. Sen. Hoke Smith of Georgia and U.S. Rep. A. F. Lever of South Carolina authored the Smith-Lever Act to expand the "national agricultural, and home demonstration programs in rural America" by bringing the research-based knowledge of the land-grant universities to people where they live and work,

**Whereas** Cooperative Extension is a critical component of the three-part land-grant university mission and works collaboratively with research programs, particularly the Agricultural Experiment Station System, and academic programs in 106 colleges and universities, including historically Black, Native American, and Hispanic-serving institutions in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and six U.S. territories, to reach traditional and underserved audiences in all communities,

**Whereas** Cooperative Extension's research-based education for farmers and ranchers helped establish the United States as a leading agriculture-producing nation in the world,

**Whereas** since 1902, 4-H, Cooperative Extension's nationwide youth development program, has reached millions of youth and helped prepare them for responsible adulthood,

**Whereas** Cooperative Extension supports the development of healthy, productive lifestyles through sustained education, such as the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program, breaking the cycle of poverty and reducing expenditures for federal and state assistance programs,

**Whereas** Cooperative Extension helps disaster victims and emergency responders through the Extension Disaster Education Network and other similar efforts by providing real-time alerts and resources so Extension educators can respond to urgent needs resulting from hurricanes, floods, oil spills, fire, drought, pest outbreaks, and infectious diseases affecting humans, livestock, and crops,

**Whereas** Cooperative Extension translates science-based research into practical advice through local and online learning networks where Extension agents and educators are uniquely available to identify emerging research questions, connect with land-grant university faculty to find answers, and encourage application of findings to improve economic and social conditions, and

**Whereas** Cooperative Extension reaches rural and urban learners through practical, community-based and online approaches, resulting in the acquisition of knowledge, skills, and motivation to strengthen the profitability of animal and plant production systems, protect natural resources, support healthful lifestyle choices, ensure a safe and abundant food supply, encourage community vitality, and grow the next generation of leaders,

**Therefore**, be it resolved, that the Lafayette County Board of Supervisors:

Recognizes the significance of the Smith-Lever Act to the establishment of Cooperative Extension nationwide,

Encourages the people of Lafayette County to observe and celebrate the centennial with a focus on launching an innovative and sustainable future for Cooperative Extension.

Honors the university faculty and local educators who dedicate their careers to providing trusted education to help people, families, youth, businesses, and communities solve problems, develop skills, and build a better future.

Thanks the Cooperative Extension volunteers, who provide thousands of hours to promote excellence for 4-H, Master Gardeners, family and consumer sciences, and other programs in their communities.

Encourages continued collaboration and cooperation among federal, state, and local governments to ensure Cooperative Extension's sustainability as the nation's premiere informal educational network, and

Celebrates the millions of youth, adults, families, farmers, ranchers, community leaders, and others who engage in Cooperative Extension learning opportunities designed to extend knowledge and change lives.

Therefore, the Lafayette County Board of Supervisors does declare May 7, 2014, a day of celebration of the Cooperative Extension Service 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in Lafayette County.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Lafayette County Board of Supervisors and that a copy of the same be presented to the Lafayette County Extension Office on this day, the 5th of May, 2014.

Supervisor Jeff Busby, President

Supervisor Robert Blackmon, Vice President

Supervisor Mike Pickens

Supervisor Chad Kellum

Supervisor Mike Roberts

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