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## **Senator Betsy Johnson & Representative Greg Smith Receive Honorary State FFA Degrees**

SALEM – On Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> the Oregon FFA Association, with over 2,000 members in attendance, awarded [Senator Betsy Johnson \(D-Scappose\)](#) and [Representative Greg Smith \(R-Heppner\)](#) with Honorary State FFA Degrees.

“The Honorary State FFA Degree is the highest honor our state association can bestow upon its friends,” said Lee Letsch, executive secretary. “It is because of the partnerships we develop with people such as Senator Johnson and Representative Smith the FFA is able to grow and prosper.”

“It is a privilege to have a state senator and state representative as Honorary FFA State Degree members. We have always cherished this relationship in the past and are excited to continue this partnership with such outstanding individuals,” said Oregon FFA State President Jerry Risk.

“The 2013 FFA Convention was a remarkable opportunity to observe Oregon’s very best young leaders in action. Every one of them is interested in pursuing a career in some aspect of agriculture. Rep. Smith and I were extremely proud to be part of their gathering and delighted to be associated with such outstanding kids,” said Senator Betsy Johnson.

“What an honor for Senator Johnson and myself to receive FFA’s highest award, an Honorary State Degree. FFA youth are outstanding both in word and deed. They embody dedication and hard work,” said Representative Greg Smith. “We are pleased to be associated with this great organization.”

The Oregon FFA Association has approximately 105 chapters throughout the state. Its membership continues to grow, with national membership reaching 557,318.

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