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5 By: Representatives Beaty Jr., Wardlaw
6 By: Senators Gilmore, Stone

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8 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

9 TO RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE ARKANSAS FORESTRY DAY AT
10 THE STATE CAPITOL ON JANUARY 25, 2023.

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13 **Subtitle**

14 TO RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE ARKANSAS
15 FORESTRY DAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL ON
16 JANUARY 25, 2023.

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19 WHEREAS, private landowners own fifteen million three hundred thousand
20 (15,300,000) acres of the state's forests and almost three million six
21 hundred thousand (3,600,000) acres are publically owned by federal, state and
22 other public entities; and

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24 WHEREAS, forests provide more than five thousand (5,000) products we
25 depend on every day; and

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27 WHEREAS, the state's abundant forest resources have provided important
28 economic and environmental benefits to the state and nation since the 1880s;
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31 WHEREAS, the state's forested lands are diverse in their makeup with
32 six million two hundred thousand (6,200,000) acres of softwoods, one million,
33 nine hundred thousand (1,900,000) acres of oak and pine, and ten million four
34 hundred thousand (10,400,000) acres of hardwoods; and

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36 WHEREAS, forestry's valued-added contribution to the state's economy is



1 five billion four hundred million dollars (\$5,400,000,000); and

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3 WHEREAS, the forest products industry supports twenty-six thousand five
4 hundred and fifteen (26,515) direct jobs and fifty-four thousand nine hundred
5 eighty-two (54,982) total jobs; and

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7 WHEREAS, one (1) in fourteen (14) of all Arkansans owns forestland; and

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9 WHEREAS, sixty-seven percent (67%) of the state's forests are owned by
10 family forest landowners; and

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12 WHEREAS, Arkansas families depend on the one billion seven hundred and
13 sixty million dollars (\$1,760,000,000) in direct wages provided by the forest
14 products industry; and

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16 WHEREAS, the average compensation in the forest products industry is
17 higher than both the national and Arkansas average wage; and

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19 WHEREAS, for every one (1) job created by the forestry industry in the
20 State of Arkansas, two and four tenths (2.4) jobs are created indirectly; and

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22 WHEREAS, timber harvesters and forest landowners follow voluntary best
23 management practices that protect water quality; and

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25 WHEREAS, the state's forests provide unparalleled scenic beauty; and

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27 WHEREAS, forests in Arkansas support habitat for more than six hundred
28 (600) species of fish and wildlife; and

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30 WHEREAS, the state's forest landowners manage their land to protect and
31 enhance habitat for threatened and endangered species; and

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33 WHEREAS, since 1947 the Arkansas Forestry Association has served as the
34 voice of forestry for the state's entire forestry community,

1 NOW THEREFORE,
2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:
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5 THAT the House of Representatives recognize and celebrate Arkansas
6 Forestry Day at the State Capitol Building on January 25, 2023.
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon its adoption, a copy of this resolution
9 shall be transmitted to the President of the Arkansas Forestry Association by
10 the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.
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