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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL
25 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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27 WHEREAS, the Governor appoints members of the various agricultural research
28 and promotion boards in the state; and

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30 WHEREAS, the citizens of the geographic areas of the state in which the
31 agricultural commodities relevant to each agricultural research and promotion
32 board are produced have the most interest and stake in the activities of
33 these research and promotion boards; and

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35 WHEREAS, the current law does not require that any consideration be given to
36 the geographic distribution of the production of the relevant agricultural



1 commodities in appointing members to agricultural research and promotion
2 boards,

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4 NOW THEREFORE,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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8 THAT the House of Representatives encourages the Governor, in
9 consultation with the Secretary of the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to
10 consider the geographic distribution of the production of the relevant
11 agricultural commodities when making appointments to agricultural research
12 and promotion boards, including without limitation the Arkansas Beef Council,
13 the Arkansas Catfish Promotion Board, the Arkansas Corn and Grain Sorghum
14 Promotion Board, the Arkansas Rice Research and Promotion Board, the Arkansas
15 Soybean Promotion Board, and the Arkansas Wheat Promotion Board.

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the House of Representatives encourages the
18 Governor, to the extent practical, to appoint members of agricultural
19 research and promotion boards in a manner that provides corresponding
20 geographic representation on these research and promotion boards for the
21 areas of the state in which the relevant agricultural commodities are
22 produced.

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the House of Representatives encourages the
25 Governor to request additional nominations from the nominating organizations
26 named in the law governing the respective agricultural research and promotion
27 boards and to consider the additional nominations in an effort to provide
28 geographic representation on the respective boards that is consistent with
29 the geographic distribution of production of the respective commodities if
30 the Governor determines that the nominations submitted by the nominating
31 organizations named in the law, when considered along with the representation
32 provided by the standing membership of the boards, do not provide sufficient
33 geographic representation for a particular agricultural commodity.

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the chief clerk of the House of
36 Representatives distribute a copy of this resolution to the following:

- 1 (1) The Governor;
- 2 (2) The Arkansas Soybean Promotion Board;
- 3 (3) The Arkansas Rice Research and Promotion Board;
- 4 (4) The Arkansas Wheat Promotion Board;
- 5 (5) The Arkansas Corn and Grain Sorghum Promotion Board;
- 6 (6) The Arkansas Catfish Promotion Board;
- 7 (7) The Arkansas Beef Council;
- 8 (8) The president of Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation;
- 9 (9) The president of Riceland Foods, Inc.;
- 10 (10) The president of the Arkansas Soybean Association;
- 11 (11) The president of the Agriculture Council of Arkansas;
- 12 (12) The president of Producers Rice Mill, Inc.;
- 13 (13) The president of the Arkansas Rice Council;
- 14 (14) The president of the Arkansas Wheat Growers Association;
- 15 (15) The president of Catfish Farmers of Arkansas, Inc.; and
- 16 (16) The president of the Arkansas Cattlemen's Association.

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