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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 COMMENDING ARKANSAS FARMERS, RANCHERS, AND FORESTERS  
9 FOR THEIR VITAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SECURITY AND  
10 ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF THE STATE AND THE NATION AND  
11 FOR PRODUCING THE FOOD AND FIBER THAT IS ESSENTIAL TO  
12 THE HEALTH AND SECURITY OF THE CITIZENS OF THIS STATE  
13 AND PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

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16 **Subtitle**

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18 AND FORESTERS FOR THEIR VITAL  
19 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SECURITY AND  
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21 NATION.

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24 WHEREAS, nearly twenty percent (20%) of Arkansas's economy is based on  
25 food, fiber, and forestry; and

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27 WHEREAS, two-thirds (2/3) of Arkansas's counties rely heavily on  
28 farming and forestry as their economic base; and

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30 WHEREAS, agriculture and food-related activities and industries provide  
31 more than two hundred eighty thousand (260,000) jobs and employ one (1) in  
32 every six (6) Arkansans; and

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34 WHEREAS, agricultural pursuits in this state generate a value in excess  
35 of twenty-one billion dollars (\$21,000,000,000) to the Arkansas economy  
36 annually, which contributes to Arkansas's stable and well-balanced economy;



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3 WHEREAS, Arkansas ranks in the top twenty (20) states in production of  
4 twenty (20) agriculture commodities, including being a top-five producer of  
5 rice, catfish, baitfish, broilers, turkeys, and cotton; and

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7 WHEREAS, Arkansas has more than forty-three thousand (43,000) farms on  
8 thirteen million six hundred thousand (13,600,000) acres and more than  
9 nineteen million (19,000,000) acres of forestland; and

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11 WHEREAS, Arkansas ranks sixteenth in agricultural cash receipts in the  
12 nation; and

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14 WHEREAS, Arkansas farmers, ranchers and foresters feed and clothe  
15 people worldwide; and

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17 WHEREAS, farmers, ranchers, and foresters provide the bulk of the  
18 state's wildlife habitat, practice sound environmental stewardship, and  
19 supply community leadership throughout rural Arkansas; and

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21 WHEREAS, the agricultural community contributes a substantial portion  
22 of the revenues that finance state and local services to all of Arkansas's  
23 citizens; and

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25 WHEREAS, Arkansas farmers, ranchers, and foresters are deserving of  
26 public commendation and appreciation,

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28 NOW THEREFORE,

29 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
30 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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32 THAT the Senate express sincere appreciation to Arkansas farmers,  
33 ranchers, and foresters for their outstanding contributions to the economy of  
34 the state and nation and to the wellbeing of the people and commend them for  
35 their dedication to the wise utilization of our resources.

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