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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 WELLBEING 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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21 NATION.
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23 WHEREAS, nearly twenty percent (20%) of Arkansas's economy is based on
24 food, fiber, and forestry; and
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26 WHEREAS, two-thirds (2/3) of Arkansas's counties rely heavily on
27 farming and forestry as their economic base; and
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29 WHEREAS, agriculture and related activities and industries provide more
30 than two hundred eighty thousand (280,000) jobs and employ one (1) in every
31 six (6) Arkansans; and
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33 WHEREAS, agricultural pursuits in this state generate a value in excess
34 of twenty billion dollars (\$20,000,000,000) to the Arkansas economy annually,
35 which contributes to Arkansas's stable and well-balanced economy; and
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1 WHEREAS, Arkansas ranks in the top twenty-five (25) states in
2 production of twenty-three (23) agriculture commodities, including being a
3 top-five producer of rice, catfish, baitfish, broilers, turkeys, grain
4 sorghum, and cotton; and

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6 WHEREAS, Arkansas has more than forty-four thousand (44,000) farms on
7 thirteen million eight hundred thousand (13,800,000) acres and more than
8 nineteen million (19,000,000) acres of forestland; and

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10 WHEREAS, Arkansas ranks fifteenth in agricultural cash receipts in the
11 nation; and

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

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

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21 WHEREAS, Arkansas farmers, ranchers, and foresters are deserving of
22 public commendation and appreciation,

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24 NOW THEREFORE,
25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
26 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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28 THAT the Arkansas Senate expresses sincere appreciation to Arkansas
29 farmers, ranchers, and foresters for their outstanding contributions to the
30 economy of the state and nation and to the wellbeing of the people and
31 commends them for their dedication to the wise utilization of our resources.