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HR 1021

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5 By: Representative Hopper

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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 COMMENDING HUGH MCCLAIN ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE
9 ARKANSAS AGRICULTURE HALL OF FAME.

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12 **Subtitle**

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15 FAME.

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18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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21 WHEREAS, Hugh McClain of Buford, Arkansas, is being recognized by the
22 Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce and Arkansas Farm Bureau for his work in
23 Arkansas agriculture; and

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25 WHEREAS, on March 11, 2011, Mr. McClain, 76, will take his place in the
26 Arkansas Agriculture Hall of Fame alongside such agricultural notables as
27 United States Sens. Dale Bumpers and David Pryor; the late poultry magnate
28 Don Tyson; Tommy B. Lewis, owner and operator of the state's largest
29 livestock market; and Richard Bell of Stuttgart, Arkansas, longtime chief
30 executive officer of Riceland Foods Inc.; and

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32 WHEREAS, "God has been watching over me," McClain said. "I've had a lot
33 of help from so many good and loyal friends and coworkers."; and

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35 WHEREAS, Mr. McClain came home to Baxter County in 1969 after a decade
36 of work with turkey growers across the Midwest as a sales and service



1 representative for Cargill Inc., an international producer and marketer of
2 all kinds of agricultural and industrial products and services for farmers;
3 and he said he had accumulated \$4,400 and a good understanding of the
4 business of growing commercial turkeys; and
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6 WHEREAS, in the space of forty (40) years thereafter, Mr. McClain would
7 earn distinction as Arkansas' biggest independent turkey producer, a
8 cattleman, landowner, and banker; and
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10 WHEREAS, at the height of Mr. McClain's turkey operations, he held
11 hands with forty-two (42) growers in Baxter, Marion, and Boone counties; and
12 though he divested a portion of his turkey operations in 2002, he continues
13 to grow about five hundred thousand (500,000) turkeys a year to market weight
14 in fifteen (15) houses on his farm at Buford, Arkansas; and
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16 WHEREAS, Baxter County Farm Bureau Federation chairman James Rhein said
17 he and the Arkansas Farm Bureau nominated Mr. McClain because of his
18 contribution to north-central Arkansas in terms of enhancements to the
19 region's property tax base, jobs, and the general movement of agricultural
20 products in north-central Arkansas that might otherwise not have happened,
21 saying, "There are many places in north-central Arkansas today that are worth
22 more because of Hugh McClain. He started from scratch more than once, and he
23 deserves this recognition."; and
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25 WHEREAS, Arkansas State University - Mountain Home Chancellor Ed
26 Coulter said he has heard the story of McClain's success many times and has
27 encountered people across the United States who also have heard the McClain
28 story,
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30 NOW THEREFORE,

31 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH GENERAL
32 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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34 THAT the House of Representatives commends Hugh McClain on his
35 induction into the Arkansas Agriculture Hall of Fame.
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate
2 copy shall be provided to Mr. McClain by the Chief Clerk of the House of
3 Representatives.

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