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HR 1020

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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 TO RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE FORESTRY DAY AT THE
9 CAPITOL, SPONSORED BY THE ARKANSAS FORESTRY
10 ASSOCIATION, ON FEBRUARY 25, 2015.

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16 FORESTRY ASSOCIATION, ON FEBRUARY 25,
17 2015.

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20 WHEREAS, since 1947, the Arkansas Forestry Association has served as
21 the voice of forestry for the state's entire forestry community; and

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23 WHEREAS, there are 18.8 million acres of forestland in Arkansas,
24 covering more than 55% of the state, which provide unparalleled scenic
25 beauty; and

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27 WHEREAS, since 2008, the state has a net increase of 327,300 acres of
28 forestland and Arkansas forest owners plant more than 68 million seedlings
29 every year; and

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31 WHEREAS, private, nonindustrial landowners own 58% of the state's
32 forests; forest products companies own 15%; United States Forest Service land
33 is 13%; and 6% is held by other public entities; and

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35 WHEREAS, forests provide more than 5,000 products we depend on every
36 day; and



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2 WHEREAS, forestry's value-added contribution to the state's economy is
3 \$3.2 billion; and
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5 WHEREAS, the forest products industry supports 24,736 direct jobs,
6 27,640 indirect jobs, and Arkansas families depend on the \$1.38 billion in
7 direct wages provided by the forest products industry; and
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9 WHEREAS, forests in Arkansas support habitat for more than 600 species
10 of fish and wildlife and the state's forest landowners manage their land to
11 protect and enhance habitat for threatened and endangered species; and
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13 WHEREAS, the state's forested stands are diverse in their makeup: 41%
14 oak and hickory; 30% loblolly and shortleaf pine; 11% oak, gum, and cypress;
15 11% oak and pine; 5% elm, ash and cottonwood; and 2% other forest types; and
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17 WHEREAS, timber harvesters and forest landowners follow voluntary Best
18 Management Practices that protect soil and water quality; and
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20 WHEREAS, the state's abundant forest resources have provided important
21 economic and environmental benefits to the state and nation since the 1880s,
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23 NOW THEREFORE,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL
25 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 THAT the House of Representatives recognizes and celebrates Forestry
28 Day at the State Capitol Building, sponsored by the Arkansas Forestry
29 Association, on February 25, 2015.
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon its adoption a copy of this resolution
32 be presented to the Arkansas Forestry Association President, Pete Prutzman,
33 of Kingwood Forestry Services, by the Chief Clerk of the House of
34 Representatives.
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