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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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18 AND FORESTERS FOR THEIR VITAL  
19 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SECURITY AND  
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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 related activities and industries provide more  
31 than two hundred eighty thousand (280,000) jobs and employ one (1) in every  
32 six (6) Arkansans; and

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34 WHEREAS, agricultural pursuits in this state generate a value in excess  
35 of twenty billion dollars (\$20,000,000,000) to the Arkansas economy annually,  
36 which contributes to Arkansas's stable and well-balanced economy; and



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WHEREAS, Arkansas ranks in the top twenty-five (25) states in production of twenty-three (23) agriculture commodities, including being a top-five producer of rice, catfish, baitfish, broilers, turkeys, grain sorghum, and cotton; and

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

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE,  
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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