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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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31 WHEREAS, agriculture and related activities and industries provide more
32 than two hundred eighty thousand (280,000) jobs and employ one (1) in every
33 six (6) Arkansans; and

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35 WHEREAS, agricultural pursuits in this state generate a value in excess
36 of twenty billion dollars (\$20,000,000,000) to the Arkansas economy annually,



1 which contributes to Arkansas's stable and well-balanced economy; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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26 NOW THEREFORE,

27 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL
28 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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