

1 State of Arkansas
2 92nd General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2019

HR 1004

4
5 By: Representative Bragg

6
7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 TO RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE ARKANSAS FORESTRY DAY AT
9 THE STATE CAPITOL ON JANUARY 22, 2019.

10
11
12 **Subtitle**

13 TO RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE ARKANSAS
14 FORESTRY DAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL ON
15 JANUARY 22, 2019.

16
17
18 WHEREAS, since 1947, the Arkansas Forestry Association has served as
19 the voice of forestry for the state's entire forestry community; and

20
21 WHEREAS, forests provide more than 5,000 products we depend on every
22 day; and

23
24 WHEREAS, the state's abundant forest resources have provided important
25 economic and environmental benefits to our state and nation since the 1880s;
26 and

27
28 WHEREAS, forestry is the largest percentage of the state's economy at
29 5.1%, when compared to 13 southern states; and

30
31 WHEREAS, Arkansas has 19 million forested acres and 11.9 billion trees,
32 and forestland covers 56% of the state; and

33
34 WHEREAS, private landowners own 15.3 million acres of forestland and
35 3.7 million acres are publicly owned by federal, state, or other entities;
36 and



1
2 WHEREAS, forestry's value-added annual contribution to the state's
3 economy is \$6.4 billion; and

4
5 WHEREAS, the forest products industry supports 27,749 direct jobs and
6 45,261 indirect jobs; and

7
8 WHEREAS, Arkansas families depend on the \$1.48 billion in direct wages
9 provided by the forest products industry, and Arkansas has 214,000 family
10 forestland owners; and

11
12 WHEREAS, the value of payments to all forestland owners in 2016 was
13 \$498 million; and

14
15 WHEREAS, for every job created by the forestry industry in the state,
16 2½ additional jobs are created indirectly; and

17
18 WHEREAS, timber harvesters and forest landowners follow voluntary best
19 management practices that protect soil and water quality; and

20
21 WHEREAS, the state's forests provide unparalleled scenic beauty; and

22
23 WHEREAS, forests in Arkansas support habitat for more than 600 species
24 of fish and wildlife,

25
26 NOW THEREFORE,

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

29
30 THAT the House of Representatives recognize and celebrate Arkansas
31 Forestry Day at the State Capitol Building on January 22, 2019.

32
33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon its adoption, a copy of this
34 resolution shall be transmitted to the President of the Arkansas Forestry
35 Association by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

36