

1 State of Arkansas
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HR 1042

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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 COMMENDING ARKANSAS FARMERS, RANCHERS, AND FORESTERS
9 FOR THEIR VITAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SECURITY AND
10 ECONOMIC WELL-BEING 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
20 ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF THE STATE AND THE
21 NATION.

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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 food-related activities and industries provide
31 more than two hundred eighty thousand (260,000) jobs and employ one (1) in
32 every six (6) Arkansans; and

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34 WHEREAS, agricultural pursuits in this state generate a value in excess
35 of twenty-one billion dollars (\$21,000,000,000) to the Arkansas economy
36 annually, which contributes to Arkansas's stable and well-balanced economy;



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3 WHEREAS, Arkansas ranks in the top twenty (20) states in production of
4 twenty (20) agriculture commodities, including being a top-five producer of
5 rice, catfish, baitfish, broilers, turkeys, and cotton; and

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7 WHEREAS, Arkansas has more than forty-three thousand (43,000) farms on
8 thirteen million six hundred thousand (13,600,000) acres and more than
9 nineteen million (19,000,000) acres of forestland; and

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11 WHEREAS, Arkansas ranks sixteenth in agricultural cash receipts in the
12 nation; and

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14 WHEREAS, Arkansas farmers, ranchers and foresters feed and clothe
15 people worldwide; and

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

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

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

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28 NOW THEREFORE,

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

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

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