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5 By: Representatives Judy, *Allison, Hathorn*
6 By: *Senator Scott*

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9 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

10 "TO REQUEST THAT THE HOUSE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON
11 AGRICULTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, THE SENATE
12 INTERIM COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC AND
13 INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
14 STUDY AGRICULTURAL NEEDS OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS."

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16 **Subtitle**

17 "TO REQUEST A STUDY AGRICULTURAL NEEDS OF
18 THE STATE OF ARKANSAS BY THE APPROPRIATE
19 INTERIM COMMITTEES."

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22 WHEREAS, Agriculture remains the number one revenue producing industry
23 in the State of Arkansas; and

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25 WHEREAS, The General Assembly must be fully prepared to meet the
26 constantly changing and complex challenges of the Arkansas agricultural
27 business community; and

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29 WHEREAS, The thousands of farmers, both independent and corporate, small
30 and large, in the State of Arkansas deserve the help of their representative
31 government in being provided with the many resources, including promotion and
32 simple education, that are required to be successful and competitive within
33 this expanding market.

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35 NOW THEREFORE,
36 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SECOND GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

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3 That the House Interim Committee on Agriculture and Economic
4 Development, the Senate Interim Committee on Agriculture, Economic and
5 Industrial Development, and the Legislative Council shall comprehensively
6 study the agricultural needs of the State of Arkansas. The Committees' and
7 the Council shall define "Arkansas Agricultural Business Community" as
8 producers, suppliers, and processors of agricultural products in the State of
9 Arkansas.

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

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13 That the study shall include, but shall not be limited to legislative
14 discussion, regional public hearings, and if deemed necessary, retained expert
15 consultation. In studying the agricultural needs of the State of Arkansas,
16 the General Assembly shall pay special attention to the procuring of an
17 inventory of present state programs impacting agricultural business, and how
18 they compare or contrast to the programs of neighboring competing states.

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/s/ Judy