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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

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

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16 **Subtitle**

17 COMMENDING ARKANSAS FARMERS FOR THEIR
18 VITAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SECURITY AND
19 ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF THE STATE AND THE
20 NATION.
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22 WHEREAS, twenty-five percent (25%) of Arkansas' economy is based on
23 food, fiber, and forestry; and
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25 WHEREAS, two-thirds (2/3) of Arkansas' counties rely primarily on
26 farming and forestry as their industrial base; and
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28 WHEREAS, agriculture and related activities and industries employ one
29 (1) in four (4) Arkansans; and
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31 WHEREAS, agricultural pursuits in this state produce wealth in excess
32 of six billion dollars (\$6,000,000,000) annually and contribute immeasurably
33 to Arkansas' stable and well-balanced economy; and
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35 WHEREAS, farmers, ranchers, and foresters provide the bulk of the
36 state's wildlife habitat, practice sound environmental stewardship, and



1 supply community leadership throughout rural Arkansas; and

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3 WHEREAS, the agricultural community contributes a substantial portion
4 of the revenues which finance state and local services to all this state's
5 citizens; and

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

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10 NOW THEREFORE,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
12 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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14 That the Arkansas Senate hereby expresses sincere appreciation to
15 Arkansas farmers for their outstanding contributions to the economy of the
16 state and nation and to the well-being of the people, and commends them for
17 their dedication to the wise utilization of our resources.