1	State of Arkansas
2	87th General Assembly
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5	By: Representative Ragland
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8	HOUSE 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
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18	VITAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SECURITY AND
19	ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF THE STATE AND THE
20	NATION.
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23	WHEREAS, Twenty-five percent (25%) of Arkansas' economy is based on
24	food, fiber, and forestry; and
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26	WHEREAS, Two-thirds (2/3) of Arkansas' counties rely heavily on farming
27	and forestry as their industrial base; and
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29	WHEREAS, Agriculture and related activities and industries employ one
30	(1) in every five (5) Arkansans; and
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32	WHEREAS, Agricultural pursuits in this state generate a value in excess
33	of fifteen billion dollars (\$15,000,000,000) annually which contributes to
34	Arkansas' stable and well-balanced economy; and
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36	WHEREAS, Farmers, ranchers, and foresters provide the bulk of the



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     state's wildlife habitat, practice sound environmental stewardship, and
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     supply community leadership throughout rural Arkansas; and
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           WHEREAS, The agricultural community contributes a substantial portion
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     of the revenues which finance state and local services to all this state's
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     citizens; and
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           WHEREAS, Arkansas farmers, ranchers, and foresters are deserving of
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     public commendation and appreciation,
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     NOW THEREFORE,
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     BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH GENERAL
     ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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           THAT the Arkansas House of Representatives expresses sincere
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     appreciation to Arkansas farmers for their outstanding contributions to the
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     economy of the state and nation and to the well-being of the people and
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     commends them for their dedication to the wise utilization of our resources.
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