

1 State of Arkansas
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HR 1020

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5 By: Representatives Stewart, J. Roebuck

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8 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

9 TO HONOR THE KIRKSEY FAMILY FOR BEING CHOSEN AS
10 THE 2008 CLARK COUNTY FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR,
11 THE 2008 ARKANSAS FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR, AND
12 THE SWISHER SWEETS/SUNBELT EXPO SOUTHEASTERN
13 FARMER OF THE YEAR.

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15 **Subtitle**

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24 WHEREAS, Arkansas's economy depends heavily on the continuing
25 contributions of the agricultural industry and its extensive network of
26 farmers; and

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28 WHEREAS, The Southeastern Farmer of the Year award recognizes an
29 outstanding family for its farming, community leadership, and home
30 management; and

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32 WHEREAS, The Kirksey family farm, which consists of a 20-greenhouse
33 wholesale nursery, horses, beef cattle, hay and pine trees on 305 acres,
34 exemplifies excellence in each of these areas, the foundations of success in
35 Arkansas's agricultural industry; and

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1 WHEREAS, In recognition of their many achievements, the Kirksey
2 family, Brian, who is a fourth-generation farmer, and Nan, who is a Cherry
3 Street girl, have been chosen the 2008 Clark County Farm Family of the Year,
4 the 2008 Arkansas Farm Family of the Year, and the recipient of the 2008
5 Swisher Sweets/Sunbelt Expo Southeastern Farmer of the Year award; and

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7 WHEREAS, The Kirksey's are the first Arkansans to be awarded the
8 Swisher Sweets/Sunbelt Expo Southeastern Farmer of the Year award; and

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10 WHEREAS, Mrs. Nan Kirksey has been a local school board member and
11 currently works as a traveling teacher for children with special education
12 needs; the Kirksey's daughter, Kathryn, attends Henderson State University
13 and their son John Brian is a ninth grade student at Centerpoint High School;
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16 WHEREAS, The family has been a strong supporter of the local Future
17 Farmers of America and the entire family enjoys horseback riding,

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19 NOW THEREFORE

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE:

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23 THAT the House of Representatives takes great pride in recognizing the
24 Kirksey family for its many achievements and for its selection as the 2008
25 Clark County Farm Family of the Year, the 2008 Arkansas Farm Family of the
26 Year, and the recipient of the 2008 Swisher Sweets/Sunbelt Expo Southeastern
27 Farmer of the Year award.