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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 RECOGNIZING FOOD CHECK-OUT WEEK DURING FEBRUARY 19-  
9 25, 2012.

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12 **Subtitle**

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14 FEBRUARY 19-25, 2012.

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17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
18 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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20 WHEREAS, it is important that Americans have access to and consume  
21 healthful foods containing adequate vitamins, minerals, fiber, and other  
22 nutrients even during challenging economic times; and

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24 WHEREAS, achieving better nutrition with fewer resources remains a  
25 shared concern of our citizens that can be addressed through education and  
26 wise shopping strategies to help consumers stretch their grocery dollars with  
27 healthy, nutritious foods; and

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29 WHEREAS, farmers and ranchers are unmatched in their ability to  
30 consistently produce an abundance of safe, nutritious, and affordable food;  
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33 WHEREAS, according to the most recent data from the United States  
34 Department of Agriculture, Americans spend less than ten percent (10%) of  
35 their disposable annual income on food; and



1           WHEREAS, food producers confront significant uncertainties on a daily  
2 basis, including inclement weather, damaging insects, and other challenges;  
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5           WHEREAS, Arkansas farmers, ranchers, and others in the agriculture  
6 industry work together in an environmentally sustainable way to help feed the  
7 people of Arkansas, our nation, and other countries around the world,

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9 NOW THEREFORE,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
11 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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13           THAT the Senate recognizes February 19-25, 2012, as Food Check-Out Week  
14 and calls upon Arkansans to: (1) Recognize and reflect upon the strength of  
15 our diverse agricultural industry; (2) Celebrate the benefits of agriculture  
16 with appropriate observances and activities; (3) Be compassionate to the  
17 hungry; (4) Learn about nutrition; and (5) Make healthy food choices.

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19           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Senate commends agricultural  
20 organizations and businesses not only for producing healthy, affordable food,  
21 but also for being the largest contributors to food banks and hunger-relief  
22 organizations.