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5 By: Representative Bragg

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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 TO RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE FORESTRY DAY, SPONSORED BY
9 THE ARKANSAS FORESTRY ASSOCIATION, AT THE STATE
10 CAPITOL ON JANUARY 24, 2017.

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13 **Subtitle**

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15 SPONSORED BY THE ARKANSAS FORESTRY
16 ASSOCIATION, AT THE STATE CAPITOL ON
17 JANUARY 24, 2017.

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19 WHEREAS, since 1947, the Arkansas Forestry Association has served as
20 the voice of forestry for the state's entire forestry community; and

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22 WHEREAS, forests provide more than 5,000 products we depend on every
23 day; and

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25 WHEREAS, the state's abundant forest resources have provided important
26 economic and environmental benefits to our state and nation since the 1880s;
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29 WHEREAS, the state's forested lands are diverse in their makeup, with
30 6.1 million acres of softwoods, 1.9 million acres of oak and pine, 7.6
31 million acres of upland hardwoods, 2.75 million acres bottomland hardwoods,
32 and 154,000 acres of nonstocked acres; and

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34 WHEREAS, forestry's value-added annual contribution to the state's
35 economy is \$6.3 billion; and

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1 WHEREAS, the forest products industry supports 28,057 direct jobs and
2 41,755 indirect jobs; and

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4 WHEREAS, Arkansas families depend on the \$1.46 billion in direct wages
5 provided by the forest products industry; and

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7 WHEREAS, the state's average annual compensation in the forest products
8 industry is \$38,849 per employee; and

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10 WHEREAS, for every job created by the forestry industry in the state,
11 2½ additional jobs are created indirectly; and

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13 WHEREAS, timber harvesters and forest landowners follow voluntary best
14 management practices that protect soil and water quality; and

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16 WHEREAS, the state's forests provide unparalleled scenic beauty; and

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18 WHEREAS, forests in Arkansas support habitat for more than 600 species
19 of fish and wildlife; and

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21 WHEREAS, the state's forest landowners manage their land to protect and
22 enhance habitat for threatened and endangered species,

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24 NOW THEREFORE,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL
26 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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28 THAT the House of Representatives recognizes and celebrates Forestry
29 Day, sponsored by the Arkansas Forestry Association, at the State Capitol
30 Building on January 24, 2017.

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon its adoption, a copy of this
33 resolution shall be presented to the President of the Arkansas Forestry
34 Association by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.