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HR 1030

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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

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

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16 **Subtitle**

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18 AND FORESTERS FOR THEIR VITAL
19 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SECURITY AND
20 ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF THE STATE AND THE
21 NATION.

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23 WHEREAS, nearly twenty percent (20%) of Arkansas's economy is based on
24 food, fiber, and forestry; and

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26 WHEREAS, two-thirds (2/3) of Arkansas's counties rely heavily on farming
27 and forestry as their economic base; and

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29 WHEREAS, agriculture and food-related activities and industries provide
30 more than two hundred eighty thousand (280,000) jobs and employ one (1) in
31 every seven (7) Arkansans; and

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33 WHEREAS, agricultural pursuits in this state generate a value in excess
34 of nineteen billion dollars (\$19,000,000,000) to the Arkansas economy annually,
35 which contributes to Arkansas's stable and well-balanced economy; and

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1 WHEREAS, Arkansas ranks in the top twenty (20) states in production of
2 thirteen (13) agriculture commodities, including being a top-five producer of
3 rice, broilers, cotton, catfish and turkeys; and
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5 WHEREAS, Arkansas has more than forty-two thousand (42,000) farms on
6 fourteen million (14,000,000) acres and more than nineteen million (19,000,000)
7 acres of forestland; and
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9 WHEREAS, Arkansas ranks fifteenth in agricultural cash receipts in the
10 nation; and
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12 WHEREAS, Arkansas farmers, ranchers, and foresters feed and clothe people
13 worldwide; and
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15 WHEREAS, farmers, ranchers, and foresters provide the bulk of the state's
16 wildlife habitat, practice sound environmental stewardship, and supply
17 community leadership throughout rural Arkansas; and
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19 WHEREAS, the agricultural community contributes a substantial portion of
20 the revenues that finance state and local services to all of Arkansas's
21 citizens; and
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23 WHEREAS, Arkansas farmers, ranchers, and foresters are deserving of public
24 commendation and appreciation,
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26 NOW THEREFORE,

27 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
28 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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30 THAT the House of Representatives express sincere appreciation to Arkansas
31 farmers, ranchers, and foresters for their outstanding contributions to the
32 economy of the state and nation and to the well-being of the people and commend
33 them for their dedication to the wise utilization of our resources.
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