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7 **SENATE 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  
27 farming 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 forty thousand (240,000) 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  
35 annually, which contributes to Arkansas's stable and well-balanced economy;  
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2           WHEREAS, Arkansas ranks in the top twenty (20) states in production of  
3 thirteen (13) agriculture commodities, including being a top-five producer of  
4 rice, broilers, cotton, catfish, and turkeys; and

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6           WHEREAS, Arkansas has more than forty-two thousand (42,000) farms on  
7 fourteen million (14,000,000) acres and more than nineteen million  
8 (19,000,000) acres of forestland; and

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10          WHEREAS, Arkansas ranks fifteenth in agricultural cash receipts in the  
11 nation; and

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13          WHEREAS, Arkansas farmers, ranchers, and foresters feed and clothe  
14 people worldwide; and

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16          WHEREAS, farmers, ranchers, and foresters provide the bulk of the  
17 state's wildlife habitat, practice sound environmental stewardship, and  
18 supply community leadership throughout rural Arkansas; and

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20          WHEREAS, the agricultural community contributes a substantial portion  
21 of the revenues that finance state and local services to all of Arkansas's  
22 citizens; and

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24          WHEREAS, Arkansas farmers, ranchers, and foresters are deserving of  
25 public commendation and appreciation,

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27 NOW THEREFORE,

28 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
29 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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31          THAT the Senate express sincere appreciation to Arkansas farmers,  
32 ranchers, and foresters for their outstanding contributions to the economy of  
33 the state and nation and to the wellbeing of the people and commend them for  
34 their dedication to the wise utilization of our resources.