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HOUSE RESOLUTION

COMMENDING ARKANSAS FARMERS FOR THEIR VITAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SECURITY AND ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF THE STATE AND THE NATION AND FOR PRODUCING THE FOOD AND FIBER THAT IS ESSENTIAL TO THE HEALTH AND SECURITY OF THE CITIZENS OF THIS STATE AND PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

Subtitle

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

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

WHEREAS, Agriculture and related activities and industries employ one (1) in every six (6) Arkansans; and

WHEREAS, Agricultural pursuits in this state generate a value in excess of sixteen billion dollars (\$16,000,000,000) annually which contributes to Arkansas's stable and well-balanced economy; and

WHEREAS, Farmers, ranchers, and foresters provide the bulk of the state's wildlife habitat, practice sound environmental stewardship, and



supply community leadership throughout rural Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, The agricultural community contributes a substantial portion of the revenues which finance state and local services to all this state's citizens; and

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

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Arkansas House of Representatives expresses sincere appreciation to Arkansas farmers for their outstanding contributions to the economy of the state and nation and to the well-being of the people and commends them for their dedication to the wise utilization of our resources.