

By: Representative Bragg

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

TO RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE FORESTRY DAY AT THE  
CAPITOL, SPONSORED BY THE ARKANSAS FORESTRY  
ASSOCIATION, ON FEBRUARY 25, 2015.

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

WHEREAS, there are 18.8 million acres of forestland in Arkansas, covering more than 55% of the state, which provide unparalleled scenic beauty; and

WHEREAS, since 2008, the state has a net increase of 327,300 acres of forestland and Arkansas forest owners plant more than 68 million seedlings every year; and

WHEREAS, private, nonindustrial landowners own 58% of the state's forests; forest products companies own 15%; United States Forest Service land is 13%; and 6% is held by other public entities; and

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



WHEREAS, forestry's value-added contribution to the state's economy is \$3.2 billion; and

WHEREAS, the forest products industry supports 24,736 direct jobs, 27,640 indirect jobs, and Arkansas families depend on the \$1.38 billion in direct wages provided by the forest products industry; and

WHEREAS, forests in Arkansas support habitat for more than 600 species of fish and wildlife and the state's forest landowners manage their land to protect and enhance habitat for threatened and endangered species; and

WHEREAS, the state's forested stands are diverse in their makeup: 41% oak and hickory; 30% loblolly and shortleaf pine; 11% oak, gum, and cypress; 11% oak and pine; 5% elm, ash and cottonwood; and 2% other forest types; and

WHEREAS, timber harvesters and forest landowners follow voluntary Best Management Practices that protect soil and water quality; and

WHEREAS, the state's abundant forest resources have provided important economic and environmental benefits to the state and nation since the 1880s,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives recognizes and celebrates Forestry Day at the State Capitol Building, sponsored by the Arkansas Forestry Association, on February 25, 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon its adoption a copy of this resolution be presented to the Arkansas Forestry Association President, Pete Prutzman, of Kingwood Forestry Services, by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.