

By: Representative Bragg

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

Subtitle

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

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

WHEREAS, the state's forested lands are diverse in their makeup, with 6.1 million acres of softwoods, 1.9 million acres of oak and pine, 7.6 million acres of upland hardwoods, 2.75 million acres bottomland hardwoods, and 154,000 acres of nonstocked acres; and

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE,

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

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

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