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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

COMMENDING ARKANSAS FARMERS, RANCHERS, AND FORESTERS  
FOR THEIR VITAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SECURITY AND  
ECONOMIC WELLBEING 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 economic base; and

WHEREAS, agriculture and related activities and industries provide more than two hundred eighty thousand (280,000) jobs and employ one (1) in every six (6) Arkansans; and

WHEREAS, agricultural pursuits in this state generate a value in excess of twenty billion dollars (\$20,000,000,000) to the Arkansas economy annually,



which contributes to Arkansas's stable and well-balanced economy; and

WHEREAS, Arkansas ranks in the top twenty-five (25) states in production of twenty-three (23) agriculture commodities, including being a top-five producer of rice, catfish, baitfish, broilers, turkeys, grain sorghum, and cotton; and

WHEREAS, Arkansas has more than forty-four thousand (44,000) farms on thirteen million eight hundred thousand (13,800,000) acres and more than nineteen million (19,000,000) acres of forestland; and

WHEREAS, Arkansas ranks fifteenth in agricultural cash receipts in the nation; 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 that finance state and local services to all of Arkansas'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 NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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