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HOUSE RESOLUTION

TO RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE ARKANSAS FORESTRY DAY AT
THE STATE CAPITOL ON JANUARY 22, 2019.

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, forestry is the largest percentage of the state's economy at 5.1%, when compared to 13 southern states; and

WHEREAS, Arkansas has 19 million forested acres and 11.9 billion trees, and forestland covers 56% of the state; and

WHEREAS, private landowners own 15.3 million acres of forestland and 3.7 million acres are publicly owned by federal, state, or other entities; and



WHEREAS, forestry's value-added annual contribution to the state's economy is \$6.4 billion; and

WHEREAS, the forest products industry supports 27,749 direct jobs and 45,261 indirect jobs; and

WHEREAS, Arkansas families depend on the \$1.48 billion in direct wages provided by the forest products industry, and Arkansas has 214,000 family forestland owners; and

WHEREAS, the value of payments to all forestland owners in 2016 was \$498 million; 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,

NOW THEREFORE,

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

THAT the House of Representatives recognize and celebrate Arkansas Forestry Day at the State Capitol Building on January 22, 2019.

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