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SENATE RESOLUTION

COMMENDING ARKANSAS FARMERS, RANCHERS, AND FORESTERS
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 economic base; and

WHEREAS, agriculture and food-related activities and industries provide more than two hundred eighty thousand (260,000) jobs and employ one (1) in every six (6) Arkansans; and

WHEREAS, agricultural pursuits in this state generate a value in excess of twenty-one billion dollars (\$21,000,000,000) to the Arkansas economy annually, which contributes to Arkansas's stable and well-balanced economy;



and

WHEREAS, Arkansas ranks in the top twenty (20) states in production of twenty (20) agriculture commodities, including being a top-five producer of rice, catfish, baitfish, broilers, turkeys, and cotton; and

WHEREAS, Arkansas has more than forty-three thousand (43,000) farms on thirteen million six hundred thousand (13,600,000) acres and more than nineteen million (19,000,000) acres of forestland; and

WHEREAS, Arkansas ranks sixteenth in agricultural cash receipts in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Arkansas farmers, ranchers and foresters feed and clothe people worldwide; 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 SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Senate express 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 commend them for their dedication to the wise utilization of our resources.