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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 OF ARKANSAS AND THE NATION AND FOR PRODUCING THE FOOD AND FIBER THAT IS ESSENTIAL TO THE HEALTH AND SECURITY OF THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

Subtitle

COMMENDING ARKANSAS FARMERS, RANCHERS, AND FORESTERS FOR THEIR VITAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SECURITY AND ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND THE NATION.

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 forty thousand (240,000) jobs and employ one (1) in every seven (7) Arkansans; and

WHEREAS, agricultural pursuits in this state generate a value in excess of twenty-four billion dollars (\$24,000,000,000) to the Arkansas economy



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

WHEREAS, Arkansas ranks in the top one-third (1/3) of the nation for agricultural cash farm receipts, including being a top-five producer of rice, broiler chickens, cotton, catfish, and turkeys; and

WHEREAS, Arkansas has more than thirty-seven thousand four hundred (37,400) farms on nearly fourteen million (14,000,000) acres and more than nineteen million (19,000,000) acres of forestland; and

WHEREAS, Arkansas ranks fourteenth 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-FIFTH 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 of Arkansas and nation and to the well-being of the people and commend them for their dedication to the wise utilization of our resources.