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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

9 COMMENDING ARKANSAS FARMERS, RANCHERS, AND FORESTERS
10 FOR THEIR VITAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SECURITY AND
11 ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND THE
12 NATION AND FOR PRODUCING THE FOOD AND FIBER THAT IS
13 ESSENTIAL TO THE HEALTH AND SECURITY OF THE CITIZENS
14 OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE
15 WORLD.
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17 **Subtitle**

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20 AND FORESTERS FOR THEIR VITAL
21 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SECURITY AND
22 ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF THE STATE OF
23 ARKANSAS AND THE NATION.
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25 WHEREAS, nearly twenty percent (20%) of Arkansas's economy is based on
26 food, fiber, and forestry; and
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28 WHEREAS, two-thirds (2/3) of Arkansas's counties rely heavily on
29 farming and forestry as their economic base; and
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31 WHEREAS, agriculture and food-related activities and industries provide
32 more than two hundred forty thousand (240,000) jobs and employ one (1) in
33 every seven (7) Arkansans; and
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35 WHEREAS, agricultural pursuits in this state generate a value in excess
36 of twenty-four billion dollars (\$24,000,000,000) to the Arkansas economy



1 annually, which contributes to Arkansas's stable and well-balanced economy;
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4 WHEREAS, Arkansas ranks in the top one-third (1/3) of the nation for
5 agricultural cash farm receipts, including being a top-five producer of rice,
6 broiler chickens, cotton, catfish, and turkeys; and
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8 WHEREAS, Arkansas has more than thirty-seven thousand four hundred
9 (37,400) farms on nearly fourteen million (14,000,000) acres and more than
10 nineteen million (19,000,000) acres of forestland; and
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12 WHEREAS, Arkansas ranks fourteenth in agricultural cash receipts in the
13 nation; and
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15 WHEREAS, Arkansas farmers, ranchers, and foresters feed and clothe
16 people worldwide; and
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18 WHEREAS, farmers, ranchers, and foresters provide the bulk of the
19 state's wildlife habitat, practice sound environmental stewardship, and
20 supply community leadership throughout rural Arkansas; and
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22 WHEREAS, the agricultural community contributes a substantial portion
23 of the revenues that finance state and local services to all of Arkansas's
24 citizens; and
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26 WHEREAS, Arkansas farmers, ranchers, and foresters are deserving of
27 public commendation and appreciation,
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29 NOW THEREFORE,

30 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
31 STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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33 THAT the Senate express sincere appreciation to Arkansas farmers,
34 ranchers, and foresters for their outstanding contributions to the economy of
35 the State of Arkansas and nation and to the well-being of the people and
36 commend them for their dedication to the wise utilization of our resources.