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5 By: Senators Stone, Gilmore
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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

9 TO RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE ARKANSAS FORESTRY DAY AT
10 THE STATE CAPITOL ON JANUARY 21, 2025.

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13 **Subtitle**

14 TO RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE ARKANSAS
15 FORESTRY DAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL ON
16 JANUARY 21, 2025.

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18 WHEREAS, private landowners own fifteen million three hundred thousand
19 (15,300,000) acres of the state's forests and three million six hundred
20 thousand (3,600,000) acres are publicly owned by federal, state, and other
21 public entities; and

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23 WHEREAS, forests provide more than five thousand (5,000) products we
24 depend on every day; and

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26 WHEREAS, the state's abundant forest resources have provided important
27 economic and environmental benefits to the state and nation since the 1880s;
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30 WHEREAS, the state's forested lands are diverse in their makeup with
31 six million two hundred thousand (6,200,000) acres of softwoods, one million
32 nine hundred thousand (1,900,000) acres of oak and pine, and ten million four
33 hundred thousand (10,400,000) acres of hardwoods; and

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35 WHEREAS, forestry's value-added contribution to the state's economy is
36 seven billion dollars (\$7,000,000,000); and



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2 WHEREAS, the forest products industry supports twenty-six thousand nine
3 hundred eighty (26,980) direct jobs and fifty-four thousand seven hundred
4 fifty-nine (54,759) total jobs; and

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6 WHEREAS, one (1) in fourteen (14) Arkansans owns forestland; and

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8 WHEREAS, sixty-seven percent (67%) of the state's forests are owned by
9 family forest landowners; and

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11 WHEREAS, Arkansas families depend on the one billion eight hundred
12 fifty million dollars (\$1,850,000,000) in direct wages provided by the forest
13 products industry; and

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15 WHEREAS, the average compensation in the forest products industry is
16 higher than both the national and Arkansas average wage; and

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18 WHEREAS, for every one (1) job created by the forestry industry in the
19 State of Arkansas, two and four-tenths (2.4) jobs are created indirectly; and

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21 WHEREAS, timber harvesters and forest landowners follow voluntary best
22 management practices that protect water quality; and

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24 WHEREAS, the state's forests provide unparalleled scenic beauty; and

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26 WHEREAS, forests in Arkansas support habitat for more than six hundred
27 (600) species of fish and wildlife; and

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29 WHEREAS, the state's forest landowners manage their land to protect and
30 enhance habitat for threatened and endangered species;

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32 WHEREAS, since 1947 the Arkansas Forestry Association has served as the
33 voice of forestry for the state's entire forestry community,

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35 NOW THEREFORE,

36 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE

1 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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THAT the Senate recognize and celebrate Arkansas Forestry Day at the State Capitol Building on January 21, 2025.

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 Secretary of the Senate.