

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1074

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A Resolution relating to agriculture; extending appreciation to the agriculture industry of Oklahoma for efforts and contributions to this state; proclaiming March 25, 2010, as Agriculture Day at the State Capitol; and providing for distribution.

WHEREAS, the agriculture industry in Oklahoma is a vital part of Oklahoma's economy and employs hundreds of thousands of Oklahomans; and

WHEREAS, the market value of agricultural production in Oklahoma was approximately Five Billion Eight Hundred Six Million Sixty-one Thousand Dollars (\$5,806,061,000.00) in 2007; and

WHEREAS, the market value of agricultural machinery and equipment in Oklahoma was approximately Five Billion Five Hundred Eight Million Forty-eight Thousand Dollars (\$5,508,048,000.00) in 2007; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately eighty-six thousand six hundred farms in Oklahoma with a total amount of farmland estimated to be over thirty-five million acres; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma ranked in the top ten nationally for sales of cattle, swine, and horses, and sales of poultry and eggs were over Seven Hundred Forty-eight Million Dollars (\$748,000,000.00) in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma ranks in the top five nationally for the number of acres of wheat, sorghum, and hay; and

WHEREAS, the diversity of the agriculture industry in Oklahoma is evident as grapes and organic specialty crops have become viable economic alternatives to traditional crops; and

WHEREAS, the future of the agriculture industry requires a dynamic vision as it faces rapidly evolving technologies and shifting consumer demands; and

WHEREAS, the role of the agriculture industry is ever increasing in the areas of production capacity and environmental protection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives extends its sincere appreciation to Oklahoma's agriculture industry for its efforts and contributions to this state.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives hereby proclaims March 25, 2010, as "Agriculture Day" at the State Capitol.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Governor of the State of Oklahoma and the State Board of Agriculture.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 25th day of March,
2010.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives