

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature (2009)

3 HOUSE

4 RESOLUTION 1028

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution relating to agriculture; extending
8 appreciation to the agriculture industry of Oklahoma
9 for efforts and contributions to this state;
proclaiming March 24, 2009, as Agriculture Day at the
State Capitol; and providing for distribution.

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

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

18 WHEREAS, the market value of agricultural machinery and
19 equipment in Oklahoma was approximately Five Billion Five Hundred
20 Eight Million Forty-eight Thousand Dollars (\$5,508,048,000.00) in
21 2007; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
16 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

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

20 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives hereby proclaims
21 March 24, 2009, as "Agriculture Day" at the State Capitol.

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

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