

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 CONCURRENT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 1036

By: Richardson and Bennett of
the House

and

Fields of the Senate

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8 A Concurrent Resolution relating to agriculture;
9 extending appreciation to the agriculture industry of
10 Oklahoma for its efforts and contributions to this
state; proclaiming April 5, 2012, as Agriculture Day
at the State Capitol; and providing for distribution.

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13 WHEREAS, the agriculture industry in Oklahoma is a vital part of
14 Oklahoma's economy and employs hundreds of thousands of Oklahomans;
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16 WHEREAS, the total contributions from agriculture in Oklahoma
17 were approximately Thirty-six Billion Five Hundred Million Dollars
18 (\$36,500,000,000.00) in 2010; and

19 WHEREAS, the total employment from these contributions was
20 188,294 jobs in 2010; and

21 WHEREAS, there are approximately 86,600 farms in Oklahoma, with
22 89% of these being family farms with a total amount of farmland
23 estimated to be over 35 million acres; and
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1 WHEREAS, Oklahoma ranks in the top ten nationally for sales of
2 cattle, swine, and horses, and sales of poultry and eggs; and

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

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

8 WHEREAS, the additional contributions of agriculture include the
9 conservation of natural resources, the enhanced quality of life for
10 all Oklahomans and the providing of a safe and reliable food source;
11 and

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

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

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
18 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
19 CONCURRING THEREIN:

20 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Senate extend
21 their sincere appreciation to Oklahoma's agriculture industry for
22 its efforts and contributions to this state.

23 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Senate hereby
24 proclaim April 5, 2012, 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.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 5th day of April, 2012.

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2012.

Presiding Officer of the Senate