

1 WHEREAS, there are approximately 86,600 farms in Oklahoma, with
2 89% of these being family farms with a total amount of farmland
3 estimated to be over 35 million acres; and

4 WHEREAS, Oklahoma ranks in the top ten nationally for sales of
5 cattle, swine, and horses, and sales of poultry and eggs; and

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

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

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

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

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

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
21 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
22 CONCURRING THEREIN:

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

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Senate hereby proclaim April 4, 2013, 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.

DIRECT TO CALENDAR.

UNDERLINED language denotes Amendments to present Statutes.
BOLD FACE CAPITALIZED language denotes Committee Amendments.
~~Strike thru~~ language denotes deletion from present Statutes.