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5 By: Senator J. Key

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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 COMMENDING HUGH MCCLAIN ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE  
9 ARKANSAS AGRICULTURE HALL OF FAME.

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12 **Subtitle**

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18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
19 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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21 WHEREAS, Hugh McClain of Buford, Arkansas, is being recognized by the  
22 Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce and Arkansas Farm Bureau for his work in  
23 Arkansas agriculture; and

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25 WHEREAS, on March 11, 2011, Mr. McClain, 76, will take his place in the  
26 Arkansas Agriculture Hall of Fame alongside such agricultural notables as  
27 U.S. Sens. Dale Bumpers and David Pryor; the late poultry magnate Don Tyson;  
28 Tommy B. Lewis, owner and operator of the state's largest livestock market;  
29 and Richard Bell of Stuttgart, Arkansas, longtime chief executive officer of  
30 Riceland Foods Inc.; and

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32 WHEREAS, "God has been watching over me," McClain said. "I've had a lot  
33 of help from so many good and loyal friends and coworkers."; and

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35 WHEREAS, Mr. McClain came home to Baxter County in 1969 after a decade  
36 of work with turkey growers across the Midwest as a sales and service



1 representative for Cargill Inc., an international producer and marketer of  
2 all kinds of agricultural and industrial products and services for farmers;  
3 and he said he had accumulated \$4,400 and a good understanding of the  
4 business of growing commercial turkeys; and  
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6 WHEREAS, in the space of forty (40) years thereafter, Mr. McClain would  
7 earn distinction as Arkansas' biggest independent turkey producer, a  
8 cattleman, landowner, and banker; and  
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10 WHEREAS, at the height of Mr. McClain's turkey operations, he held  
11 hands with forty-two (42) growers in Baxter, Marion, and Boone counties; and  
12 though he divested a portion of his turkey operations in 2002, he continues  
13 to grow about five hundred thousand (500,000) turkeys a year to market weight  
14 in fifteen (15) houses on his farm at Buford, Arkansas; and  
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16 WHEREAS, Baxter County Farm Bureau Federation chairman James Rhein said  
17 he and the Arkansas Farm Bureau nominated Mr. McClain because of his  
18 contribution to north-central Arkansas in terms of enhancements to the  
19 region's property tax base, jobs, and the general movement of agricultural  
20 products in north-central Arkansas that might otherwise not have happened,  
21 saying, "There are many places in north-central Arkansas today that are worth  
22 more because of Hugh McClain. He started from scratch more than once, and he  
23 deserves this recognition."; and  
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25 WHEREAS, Arkansas State University - Mountain Home Chancellor Ed  
26 Coulter said he has heard the story of McClain's success many times and has  
27 encountered people across the United States who also have heard the McClain  
28 story,  
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30 NOW THEREFORE,

31 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
32 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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34 THAT the Senate commends Hugh McClain on his induction into the  
35 Arkansas Agriculture Hall of Fame.  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate  
2 copy shall be provided to Mr. McClain by the Secretary of the Senate.

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