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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing and celebrating February 3, 2016, as "Florida Agriculture Day."

WHEREAS, National Agriculture Day was established in 1973 to increase public awareness of the vital role of agriculture in the United States, and

WHEREAS, the world population is expected to reach 9.6 billion by 2040, and Florida farmers and ranchers play an increasingly important role in meeting global demands for healthy, wholesome, safe, and nutritious food, and

WHEREAS, the agriculture industry is part of the very fabric of this state, fostering ingenuity and preserving Florida's rural character and values, and

WHEREAS, Florida's more than 47,500 farms produce nearly 300 different commodities on more than 9 million acres of land, employing 2 million Floridians, and

WHEREAS, Florida is one of the national leaders in agriculture, ranking at or near first in the nation in production of oranges, grapefruit, watermelons, sugarcane, squash, and fresh market sweet corn, snap beans, and cucumbers, and

WHEREAS, Florida farmers and ranchers are responsible stewards of the land, maintaining 9.5 million acres of greenspace and conserving more than 11 billion gallons of fresh water each year, NOW, THEREFORE,

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28 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
29 Florida:

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31       That February 3, 2016, is recognized as "Florida  
32 Agriculture Day" as part of the larger celebration of "National  
33 Agriculture Day," observed on March 15, 2016, in which we honor  
34 Florida farmers and ranchers, who produce the safest and most  
35 abundant food supply in the world, as well as the researchers,  
36 entrepreneurs, businesses, and innovators who support farm  
37 families and help drive the agriculture economy in this state.