

By Senator Montford

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing and congratulating the Farm Credit System for achieving its centennial and commemorating 100 years of service to farmers and rural communities throughout Florida and beyond.

WHEREAS, agriculture is a \$100 billion endeavor in this state and is its second-largest industry, employing 2 million people, farming nearly 300 commodities from citrus to sweet corn, beef cows to broilers, and honey to landscape plants, and

WHEREAS, in 1916, Congress established the Farm Credit System, considered the nation's first government-sponsored enterprise, to provide a reliable source of credit for the nation's farmers and ranchers, and

WHEREAS, the Farm Credit System has been providing reliable, consistent credit and financial services to farmers and rural communities for 100 years, through good times and bad, and is poised to continue providing those services for many years to come, and

WHEREAS, the Farm Credit System serves 3,800 customers in this state through Farm Credit of Central Florida, Farm Credit of Florida, and Farm Credit of Northwest Florida, and

WHEREAS, agriculture touches the daily lives of all of the residents of our great state, from the food on their tables to the clothes on their backs, and

WHEREAS, Florida supports agriculture and the noble mission of the Farm Credit System set by Congress 100 years ago, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

That the Farm Credit System, Farm Credit of Central

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33 Florida, Farm Credit of Florida, and Farm Credit of Northwest
34 Florida are recognized and congratulated on the occasion of the
35 Farm Credit System's centennial year.