

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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Designating March 21, 2024, as “National Women in Agriculture Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. ERNST (for herself and Ms. SMITH) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Designating March 21, 2024, as “National Women in
Agriculture Day”.

Whereas the United States proudly recognizes agriculture as one of the most impactful industries of the United States and acknowledges the countless women who help agriculture prosper both in the United States and abroad;

Whereas there are more than 1,200,000 female agricultural producers in the United States, making up more than $\frac{1}{3}$ of the agricultural producers in the United States;

Whereas, in 2022, farms operated by women in the United States sold \$222,000,000,000 in agricultural products, accounting for 36 percent of the total agriculture sales in the United States for that year;

Whereas, in addition to leading farming operations, women working in agriculture make a difference across the

United States in various commodity and industry fields, including research and development, manufacturing, sales and distribution, agricultural education, agribusiness, and advocacy, which extend benefits to individuals across the globe through the international trade of the United States;

Whereas the United States recognizes that women are vital in fostering the next generation of the agricultural workforce by promoting science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and agricultural education and entrepreneurial and community initiatives by serving as mentors for the 4-H Program, the National FFA Organization, the Cooperative Extension System, and numerous post-secondary agricultural science educator programs;

Whereas March is National Women’s History Month; and

Whereas female professionals, instructors, and leaders in the agricultural field should be celebrated for their efforts during National Ag Week, which takes place between March 17 and March 23, 2024: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates March 21, 2024, as “National
3 Women in Agriculture Day”;

4 (2) recognizes the important role of women in
5 agriculture as producers, educators, leaders, men-
6 tors, and more; and

7 (3) encourages all citizens to—

8 (A) recognize women working in agri-
9 culture; and

1 (B) praise the significant positive impact
2 those women have on the food resources and
3 the agricultural workforce of the United States
4 by encouraging and empowering women to—

5 (i) enter the agricultural field, which
6 is a high-demand field of work;

7 (ii) cultivate opportunities to lead; and

8 (iii) feed a hungry world.