

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Forestry Association is sponsoring a
2 seedling giveaway on March 21, 2023, in an effort to promote public
3 awareness of working forests and the importance of our state's
4 timber resources; and

5 WHEREAS, Each year, family forest owners and timberland
6 investors plant 83 million seedlings to help maintain sustainable
7 forests for future generations of Texans; and

8 WHEREAS, The forest sector in Texas covers more than 12
9 million acres and directly employs over 70,000 people, with a total
10 economic impact of more than \$41.6 billion, making timber a
11 valuable agricultural commodity statewide; Texas loggers harvest
12 over 18 million tons of trees and haul over 642,000 loads of wood
13 from landowners to mills for conversion into affordable and
14 sustainable products; and

15 WHEREAS, Forests in the Lone Star State sequester 58,836 tons
16 of carbon from the atmosphere every day, equivalent to the amount
17 emitted by 11,603 passenger vehicles in an entire year; they
18 capture 1,000 tons of carbon every 24.5 minutes, and 1 ton of carbon
19 is converted into lumber and paper products every 6.27 seconds; and

20 WHEREAS, Founded in 1914 by a group of dedicated
21 conservationists, the Texas Forestry Association is a nonprofit
22 organization committed to advancing forestry management, promoting
23 conservation practices, and supporting and protecting the
24 interests of the working forests of Texas; TFA offers programs such

1 as the Sustainable Forestry Initiative and Tree Farm certifications
2 to educate the public and encourage reforestation, with the
3 understanding that best management practices are essential for
4 productive forests; and

5 WHEREAS, The Texas Forestry Association has tirelessly
6 worked to ensure that abundant forests remain a dependable resource
7 for the citizens of Texas, providing clean water, supporting
8 healthy living, and helping to maintain a robust economy, and under
9 the able leadership of current president Angela Shannon, TFA will
10 undoubtedly continue to contribute to the economic vitality and
11 beauty of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
13 Legislature hereby recognize the Texas Forestry Association on the
14 occasion of its seedling giveaway and commend the association's
15 members for their exemplary conservation efforts and advocacy; and,
16 be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for the association as an expression of high regard by the
19 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 585

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 585 was adopted by the House on March 21, 2023, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House