

By: Nichols

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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Texas Forestry Association, which is celebrating Forestry Day with a seedling giveaway on March 21, 2023, at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, The Texas Forestry Association was founded in 1914 by a group of dedicated and farsighted conservationists to advance forest management, promote conservation practices, and support and protect actively managed forests in Texas; and

WHEREAS, Texas' actively managed forests cover more than 12 million acres and are maintained by over 70,000 workers; these forests constitute one of the state's leading agricultural sectors, with a total economic impact of more than \$41 billion; Texas loggers harvest over 18 million tons of trees and haul hundreds of thousands of logs to mills, ultimately resulting in thousands of products that supply consumers' needs; and

WHEREAS, Each year, forest owners and timberland investors replant 83 million seedlings to help maintain sustainable forests for future generations of Texans; the Forestry Day seedling giveaway is an essential part of the campaign to raise awareness of our state's timber resources; to encourage restoration of the forest ecosystem, the Texas Forestry Association also supports such programs as the Sustainable Forestry Initiative and the Tree Farm Certification; and

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WHEREAS, The Texas Forestry Association has worked diligently to ensure that abundant forests remain a dependable resource for the people of Texas, and under the able leadership of the current president, Angela Shannon, the association continues to contribute to the beauty and prosperity of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby recognize the Texas Forestry Association on the occasion of its seedling giveaway and extend to its members best wishes for a successful Forestry Day celebration; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the association as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.