

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On March 18, 2003, the Texas Forestry Association
2 (TFA) is sponsoring a hardwood seedling giveaway near the south
3 steps of the State Capitol in order to promote public awareness of
4 forestry and the importance of the state's timber resources; and

5 WHEREAS, Every year, to meet their goal of maintaining
6 sustainable forests for future Texans, the forest industry and
7 nonindustrial, private landowners replenish the state's
8 forestlands by planting more than 100 million seedlings; and

9 WHEREAS, Forests cover more than 12 million acres of Texas
10 land and provide more than 91,000 jobs, a payroll of more than \$2.3
11 billion, and a total economic impact of more than \$22 billion,
12 making timber the third most valuable agricultural crop statewide;
13 in East Texas, where 43 counties compose the forest heartland of the
14 state, timber is the number-one-ranking agricultural commodity;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, The Texas Forestry Association strives to ensure
17 that abundant forests will continue to be a dependable resource for
18 the citizens of Texas, and its work has contributed immeasurably to
19 the economic vitality of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
21 Legislature hereby recognize the Texas Forestry Association on the
22 occasion of its March 18, 2003, seedling giveaway at the State
23 Capitol and commend the members of the association for their
24 excellent stewardship of one of the state's greatest natural

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1 resources; and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
3 prepared for the Texas Forestry Association as an expression of
4 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

McReynolds

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 280 was adopted by the House on March 18, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House