

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Phillip Power of Lone Oak has been honored by the  
2 Cherokee County Soil and Water Conservation District for his  
3 achievements in sustainable forestry; and

4           WHEREAS, Striving to protect and improve the forest on his  
5 150 acres, Mr. Power follows a management plan developed with the  
6 assistance of the Texas Forest Service, plotting fire lines,  
7 performing routine selective thinning, and conducting regular  
8 prescribed burns; in addition, he works to preserve the two creeks  
9 that run through the property and to promote the welfare of the  
10 area's wildlife; and

11           WHEREAS, The land has been in Mr. Power's family for more than  
12 a century; his grandfather was a farmer, and his father worked  
13 cattle on the land for 10 years before joining a state program that  
14 planted pine trees for timber and conservation; the oldest part of  
15 the Power home is built entirely from lumber cut and milled from  
16 this forest; and

17           WHEREAS, Mr. Power and his wife, Norleine, are both graduates  
18 of Rusk High School in Lone Oak; his career in law enforcement  
19 eventually took him to Nacogdoches County, and he later worked in  
20 the insurance industry in Houston, in education in Dallas, and in  
21 energy conservation in Garland; following his retirement in 2000,  
22 he and his wife fulfilled their dream of moving back to Lone Oak,  
23 and Mr. Power was able to devote himself entirely to sustainable  
24 forestry; his endeavors are heartily supported by his family,

1 including his daughter, his son-in-law, and his granddaughters, who  
2 are enthusiastic visitors to the forest; and

3 WHEREAS, A member of the American Tree Farm System, the  
4 Trinity Neches Forest Landowner Association, and the state Forest  
5 Stewardship program, Mr. Power received a Texas Forest Service  
6 Stewardship award in 2008 from the United States Department of  
7 Agriculture Forest Service State Foresters; and

8 WHEREAS, Sustainable forests are a great treasure of the Lone  
9 Star State, and through his outstanding conservation efforts,  
10 Phillip Power is improving our environment and preserving precious  
11 resources for future generations; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
13 Legislature hereby commend Phillip Power for maintaining  
14 sustainable forest land and congratulate him on his recognition by  
15 the Cherokee County Soil and Water Conservation District; and, be  
16 it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2054 was adopted by the House on May 19, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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