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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.