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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Texas Forestry Association is convening a Forest  
2 Summit in Nacogdoches on October 21, 2009; and

3           WHEREAS, This meeting will provide a valuable opportunity for  
4 elected officials, community leaders, forestland owners, and  
5 industry professionals to address issues concerning the future of  
6 the forest resources and forest industry in East Texas; and

7           WHEREAS, The forest industry has played a vital role in the  
8 economic life of Texas since the latter decades of the 19th century;  
9 today, this industry demonstrates its commitment to sound forest  
10 management and conservation principles by replanting more than 100  
11 million trees annually; in addition, timber companies manage their  
12 lands so as to provide wildlife habitat and recreational  
13 opportunities, and they lead the way in recycling efforts; and

14           WHEREAS, In the coming years, the worldwide demand for wood  
15 and paper products is projected to increase, as is the need for  
16 biomass as a source of energy and transportation fuel; and

17           WHEREAS, The Texas Forestry Association recognizes that good  
18 stewardship programs, such as the Sustainable Forestry Initiative  
19 and the American Tree Farm System, must be maintained in order to  
20 establish new markets for wood and paper products and to provide a  
21 secure, productive future for the East Texas forest industry; and

22           WHEREAS, Over the years, the Texas Forestry Association has  
23 played an instrumental role in fostering the health of Texas  
24 forests and the vigor of the multifaceted industry that they

1 support, and this organization is to be commended for its dynamic  
2 leadership in this critical arena; now, therefore, be it

3         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
4 Legislature hereby commemorate the convening of the 2009 Forest  
5 Summit by the Texas Forestry Association and extend to all those  
6 involved in this conference sincere best wishes for a productive  
7 forum; and, be it further

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