

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1018

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Over the years, the Texas Forestry Association has played an instrumental role in fostering the health of Texas forests and the vigor of the multifaceted industry that they support, and this organization is to be commended for its dynamic leadership in this critical arena; now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for the Texas Forestry Association as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Nichols

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 26, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate