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H.R. No. 812

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Forestry Association is sponsoring a
2 seedling giveaway at the State Capitol on March 23, 2011; and

3 WHEREAS, This initiative promotes public awareness of
4 forestry and the importance of the state's timber resources while
5 furthering the extensive tree-planting efforts that take place
6 throughout the state; each year, family forest owners and the
7 forest industry plant 100 million seedlings in order to maintain
8 sustainable forests for future generations of Texans; and

9 WHEREAS, Covering 12 million acres, the forest sector in East
10 Texas generates more than 166,000 jobs, \$8.6 billion in annual
11 labor income, and a total economic impact of more than \$33.6
12 billion, making timber a valuable agricultural commodity
13 statewide; and

14 WHEREAS, Founded in 1914 by a group of dedicated
15 conservationists, the Texas Forestry Association is a nonprofit
16 organization of landowners, businesses, and industry professionals
17 united by the common goal of advancing forestry, promoting
18 conservation practices, and enhancing and perpetuating the state's
19 timber resources; TFA offers programs such as the Sustainable
20 Forestry Initiative and Tree Farm, which are designed to educate
21 the public and to facilitate the growth of renewable forest
22 resources, with the understanding that the best management
23 practices are essential for productive forests; and

24 WHEREAS, The Texas Forestry Association has tirelessly

1 striven to ensure that abundant forests remain a dependable
2 resource for the citizens of Texas; under the current and able
3 leadership of President Thom Karels, and with the participation of
4 its 3,000 dedicated members, the TFA will continue to contribute to
5 the economic vitality and beauty of the Lone Star State; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
8 Legislature hereby recognize the Texas Forestry Association on the
9 occasion of its seedling giveaway and extend to the association
10 sincere best wishes for continued success with its reforestation
11 efforts; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for the TFA as an expression of high regard by the Texas
14 House of Representatives.