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H.R. No. 296

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 6, 2013; 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 117,000 jobs, \$5.9 billion in annual  
11 labor income, and a total economic impact of more than \$23.7  
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 able leadership of  
3 current president Bill Kuhn, and with the participation of its  
4 3,000 dedicated members, the TFA will continue to contribute to the  
5 economic vitality and beauty of the Lone Star State; now,  
6 therefore, be it

7         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd 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 advocacy; 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.