

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Forestry Association is sponsoring a
2 seedling giveaway on February 24, 2015, in an effort to promote
3 public awareness of forestry and the importance of our state's
4 timber resources; and

5 WHEREAS, Each year, family forest owners and corporate
6 landowners plant 100 million seedlings to help maintain sustainable
7 forests for future generations of Texans; and

8 WHEREAS, The forest sector in East Texas covers 12 million
9 acres and generates more than 130,000 jobs, \$7.9 billion in annual
10 labor income, and a total economic impact of over \$30.3 billion,
11 making timber a valuable agricultural commodity statewide; and

12 WHEREAS, Founded in 1914 by a group of dedicated
13 conservationists, the Texas Forestry Association is a nonprofit
14 organization of some 3,000 landowners, business leaders, and other
15 professionals united by a common goal to advance forestry, promote
16 conservation practices, and support and protect the interests of
17 the Texas timber industry; TFA offers programs such as the
18 Sustainable Forestry Initiative and Tree Farm to educate the public
19 and encourage reforestation, with the understanding that best
20 management practices are essential for productive forests; and

21 WHEREAS, The Texas Forestry Association has tirelessly
22 worked to ensure that abundant forests remain a dependable resource
23 for the citizens of Texas, and under the able leadership of current
24 president Bill Oates, TFA will undoubtedly continue to contribute

1 to the economic vitality and beauty of the Lone Star State; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
4 Legislature hereby recognize the Texas Forestry Association on the
5 occasion of its seedling giveaway and commend the association's
6 members for their exemplary conservation efforts and advocacy; and,
7 be it further

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

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H.R. No. 439

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 439 was adopted by the House on
February 19, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House