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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The year 2015 marks the 100th anniversary of the  
2 Texas A&M Forest Service; and

3           WHEREAS, Established by the 34th Texas Legislature in 1915,  
4 the TFS is the first state forestry agency in the nation to be part  
5 of a land grant institution; it holds as its mission the  
6 preservation of the state's trees, forests, and related natural  
7 resources, and it has led the way in sustainability and  
8 conservation, forestry education, and wildfire suppression; with  
9 protection against wildfires as one of its most important goals,  
10 the agency provides grants to train and equip firefighters and  
11 helps direct regional incident management teams in times of such  
12 disasters; and

13           WHEREAS, The TFS is further dedicated to the beautification  
14 of the Lone Star State; its forestry research has contributed  
15 significantly to the health and productivity of our woodlands, and  
16 its field offices work with their communities to plant and care for  
17 trees; the agency also assists landowners with responsible forest  
18 management and supports the forest industry; and

19           WHEREAS, Beginning with the early efforts of a few forest  
20 patrolmen on horseback in East Texas a century ago, the TFS has made  
21 great strides in ensuring the safety of our citizens and property  
22 and in preserving the scenic landscape for which Texas is so justly  
23 renowned; now, therefore, be it

24           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Texas  
2 A&M Forest Service and extend to all those associated with the  
3 agency sincere best wishes for continued success with their  
4 important work; and, be it further

5       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
6 prepared for the TFS as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
7 House of Representatives.