

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 246

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

WHEREAS, Texas family forest owners and corporate landowners plant 100 million seedlings annually in order to maintain sustainable forests for future generations of Texans; and

WHEREAS, Covering 12 million acres, the forest sector in East Texas generates more than 130,600 jobs, \$7.9 billion in annual labor income, and a total economic impact of more than \$30.3 billion, making timber a valuable agricultural commodity statewide; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1914 by a group of dedicated conservationists, the Texas Forestry Association is a nonprofit organization of landowners, businesses, and other professionals united by a common goal to advance forestry, promote conservation practices, and enhance and perpetuate the state's forest resources; the association offers programs such as the Sustainable Forestry Initiative and Tree Farm to educate and to facilitate the growth of renewable forest resources with the understanding that best management practices are essential for productive forests; and

WHEREAS, The Texas Forestry Association has tirelessly striven to ensure that abundant forests remain a dependable resource for the citizens of Texas, and under the current and able leadership of President Bill Oates, the Texas Forestry

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Association will undoubtedly continue to contribute to the economic vitality and beauty of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby recognize the Texas Forestry Association on the occasion of its seedling giveaway and commend the 3,000 members of the association for their exemplary reforestation efforts and advocacy; and, be it further

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

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 23, 2015.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate