

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Forestry Association is sponsoring a
2 seedling giveaway on March 1, 2017, in an effort to promote public
3 awareness of working forests and the importance of our state's
4 timber resources; and

5 WHEREAS, Each year, family forest owners and corporate
6 landowners plant 75 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 138,000 jobs, \$8.1 billion in annual
10 labor income, and a total economic impact of over \$31.9 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 working forests of Texas; TFA offers programs such as the
18 Sustainable Forestry Initiative and Tree Farm certifications to
19 educate the public and encourage reforestation, with the
20 understanding that best management practices are essential for
21 productive forests; and

22 WHEREAS, The Texas Forestry Association has tirelessly
23 worked to ensure that abundant forests remain a dependable resource
24 for the citizens of Texas, and under the able leadership of current

1 president Dr. Jerry Marcontell, TFA will undoubtedly continue to
2 contribute to the economic vitality and beauty of the Lone Star
3 State; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
5 Legislature hereby recognize the Texas Forestry Association on the
6 occasion of its seedling giveaway and commend the association's
7 members for their exemplary conservation efforts and advocacy; and,
8 be it further

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

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H.R. No. 167

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 167 was adopted by the House on February 23, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House