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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Ronald H. Hufford will retire as executive director
2 of the Texas Forestry Association on December 31, 2017, drawing to a
3 close more than three decades of outstanding service to that
4 institution; and

5 WHEREAS, After earning a bachelor's degree in forestry from
6 Southern Illinois University in 1971, Mr. Hufford served his
7 country for four years as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force; he then
8 joined the Southern Forest Products Association, where he worked as
9 a field representative, as director of field services, and
10 ultimately as vice president of the Forest Resources and
11 Environmental Division; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1984, Mr. Hufford assumed the helm of the Texas
13 Forestry Association, and he has excelled over the past 33 years in
14 furthering that organization's mission to promote forest
15 conservation and the forestry industry; he has also chaired the
16 Texas Agricultural Council, the Texas Society of American
17 Foresters, and the Texas A&M Forest Science Advisory Council, and
18 has served on the advisory board of the Texas Agricultural Lifetime
19 Leadership Program; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Hufford's many accolades include the
21 Distinguished Service to Forestry Award from the Texas Society of
22 American Foresters, the Bill Clements Memorial Award from Build
23 East Texas, and the Fellow Award from the Society of American
24 Foresters; in 2015, this esteemed Texan was inducted into the Texas

1 Forestry Hall of Fame, and in 2016, the new TFA headquarters
2 building in Lufkin was named in his honor; and

3 WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure as TFA executive director, Ron
4 Hufford has brought to his myriad duties an exceptional breadth of
5 experience and a consummate professionalism, and he may indeed
6 reflect with pride on a career well spent as he embarks upon the
7 next exciting chapter of his life; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
9 Legislature hereby honor Ronald H. Hufford for his exemplary
10 leadership of the Texas Forestry Association and extend to him
11 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Mr. Hufford as an expression of high regard by the
14 Texas House of Representatives.