

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 116

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Texas Forestry Association, which is sponsoring a seedling giveaway on March 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, The Texas Forestry Association was founded in 1914 by a group of dedicated conservationists with the goal of advancing forestry, promoting conservation practices, and supporting and protecting the interests of the working forests of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Each year, family forest owners and corporate landowners plant 75 million seedlings to help maintain sustainable forests for future generations of Texans; the Texas Forestry Association's seedling giveaway is an essential part of the association's continuing efforts to raise awareness of the importance of our state's valuable timber resources; the association also offers such programs as the Sustainable Forestry Initiative and Tree Farm Certification to encourage reforestation; and

WHEREAS, The forest sector in East Texas covers 12 million acres and generates more than 138,000 jobs with an annual payroll of \$8.1 billion; it is one of the state's leading agricultural sectors, having a statewide economic impact of more than \$31.9 billion; and

WHEREAS, Through the years, the Texas Forestry Association has worked tirelessly to ensure that abundant forests remain a dependable resource for the people of Texas, and under the able leadership of Dr. Jerry Marcontell, the current president, the

association will continue to contribute to the beauty of the Lone Star State; it is truly fitting that this exemplary organization receive special recognition for its efforts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend the Texas Forestry Association on its commitment to protecting our state's timber resources and extend to its members best wishes for a successful seedling giveaway; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the association as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Nichols

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on February 6, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate