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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Stephen F. Austin State University Sylvans 2 timbersports team furthered its legacy of excellence by winning the 2025 Southern Forestry Conclave, which took place from March 20 to 3 22 in Huntsville, Alabama; and 4 WHEREAS, Featuring students from Association of Southern 5 Forestry Clubs, the Southern Forestry Conclave brought together 13 6 7 universities to compete in a series of technical and physical forestry-related events; delivering an exceptional performance, 8 Stephen F. Austin achieved a first-place finish in physical events 9

points to outpace the runner-up team by 18 points; with the victory, 11

and was fourth in the technical category, earning a total of 263.5

12 the Sylvans collected the 19th conclave championship in program

history and extended their meet win streak to seven, tying the 13

14 all-time record for consecutive titles won; and

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WHEREAS, SFA was sparked by the duo of Holly Parkin and Maddie 15 Sweeten, whose record-setting time of 4.69 seconds in women's 16 crosscut was the fastest since the event began in 1979; in addition 17 to women's crosscut, the Sylvans' dominant showing featured seven 18 other first-place finishes; Jacob Barrett topped the knife throw 19 and archery fields, and his win in the latter event included a 20 21 perfect score from 20 yards; Trent Kline also won two events, clinching the men's log chop and bowsaw titles in the respective 22 23 times of 49.8 and 15.645 seconds, and Paige Sumner and Katie Grenier placed first in the chain throw in 76.86 seconds; moreover, Weston 24

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- 1 Williams was victorious in the pole climb, clocking in at 6.81
- 2 seconds, and Ms. Parkin and Mr. Kline paired to triumph in the Jack
- 3 & Jill crosscut event in 7.08 seconds; the team was ably guided by
- 4 coach Dr. Jeremy Stovall, a professor of forestry at SFA; and
- 5 WHEREAS, By accomplishing the rare feat of winning 19
- 6 Southern Forestry Conclave championships, the Stephen F. Austin
- 7 Sylvans have distinguished themselves as a powerhouse in
- 8 timbersports, and all those associated with the squad may reflect
- 9 with pride on a job well done; now, therefore, be it
- 10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
- 11 Legislature hereby congratulate the Stephen F. Austin State
- 12 University Sylvans timbersports team on winning the 2025 Southern
- 13 Forestry Conclave and extend to the members and coaching staff
- 14 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further
- 15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 16 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas
- 17 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 804 was adopted by the House on May 23, 2025, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House