

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 327

WHEREAS, The Texas Forestry Association is sponsoring a seedling giveaway at the State Capitol on April 2, 2025, in an effort to promote public awareness of the importance of our state's timber resources; and

WHEREAS, Each year, family forest owners and timberland investors plant 83 million seedlings to help maintain sustainable forests for future generations of Texans; and

WHEREAS, The forest sector in Texas covers more than 12 million acres and directly employs over 70,000 people, with a total economic impact of more than \$41.6 billion, making timber a valuable agricultural commodity statewide; Texas loggers harvest over 18 million tons of trees and haul more than 642,000 loads of wood from timberlands to mills for conversion into affordable and sustainable products; and

WHEREAS, Forests in the Lone Star State sequester 58,836 tons of carbon from the atmosphere every day, equivalent to the amount emitted by 11,603 passenger vehicles in an entire year; moreover, one ton of carbon is converted into lumber and paper products every 6.27 seconds; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1914 by a group of dedicated conservationists, the Texas Forestry Association is a nonprofit organization committed to advancing forestry management, promoting conservation practices, and supporting and protecting the interests of the working forests of Texas; TFA offers programs such as the Sustainable Forestry Initiative and tree farm certification to educate the public and encourage reforestation, with the understanding that best management practices are essential for productive forests; and

WHEREAS, The Texas Forestry Association works to ensure that abundant forests remain a dependable resource for the citizens of Texas, providing clean air and water, supporting diverse wildlife habitats, and helping to maintain a robust economy, and the organization has long contributed to the economic vitality and beauty of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby recognize the Texas Forestry Association on the occasion of its seedling giveaway at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the visiting delegation; and, be it further

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

Nichols

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 2, 2025.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate