

2016 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 66

BY SENATOR THOMPSON

LEGIS POWERS/FUNCTIONS. Designates April 20, 2016, as "Forest Products Day" at the legislature and commends the forest products industry.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To designate April 20, 2016, as "Forest Products Day" at the legislature and commend the  
3 forest products industry.

4 WHEREAS, Louisiana's forest lands cover forty-eight percent of the state's thirteen  
5 million, eight hundred thousand acres; and

6 WHEREAS, forest lands provide raw materials for paper and wood product  
7 manufacturers, recreational opportunities for the general public, and habitat for fish and  
8 wildlife; and

9 WHEREAS, the forest products industry has been a key component of Louisiana's  
10 economy since the first paper mill in the state opened in 1716; and

11 WHEREAS, timber is the number one crop in the state of Louisiana; and

12 WHEREAS, the forest products industry is Louisiana's second largest manufacturing  
13 sector employer in the state, employing more than eighteen thousand people in forty-five  
14 parishes; and

15 WHEREAS, the forest products industry pays an estimated ninety-two million in  
16 state and local taxes and has an annual payroll of over one billion annually; and

17 WHEREAS, forest product companies are committed to continuous improvement  
18 through the industry's initiative, Better Practices, Better Planet 2020; and

