

BY REPRESENTATIVE ADAMS

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend Jackie and Melvin Harvey, Jr., on being named Tree Farmers of the Year for

3 their commitment and dedication to practicing sustainable forestry.

4 WHEREAS, forests cover more than 50% of the land area of Louisiana, and 90% of

5 the forest land is privately owned; more than 60% of the private forest land in the state is

6 held by more than one hundred thousand individuals and families; and

7 WHEREAS, Louisiana's private forest lands are the foundation of a forest products

8 industry that annually generates more than \$14 billion for the state economy and supports

9 over forty thousand Louisiana jobs; and

10 WHEREAS, Jackie and Melvin Harvey, Jr., are the owners of The Shades tree farm

11 in East Feliciana Parish, and they possess a love of land and family that inspires them to

12 manage the land for timber, wildlife, clean air, water, and recreation for current and future

13 generations; and

14 WHEREAS, The Shades has been in the Harvey family for over two hundred years,

15 dating back to the Spanish Land Grant around 1796; the property served as the setting for

16 the movie *The Undefeated* starring John Wayne and Rock Hudson, and it is listed on the

17 National Register of Historic Places; and

18 WHEREAS, the Harveys have instilled in their family the importance of good forest

19 stewardship that contributes to the environment and economy of the community and state;

20 they were selected to represent the American Tree Farm program in Louisiana on behalf of

1 all forest landowners practicing good forest stewardship and exemplifying due diligence and  
2 careful planning that makes this property one of the best managed forests in the Louisiana  
3 Tree Farm program.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
5 commend Jackie and Melvin Harvey, Jr., on being named Tree Farmers of the Year for their  
6 commitment and dedication to practicing sustainable forestry and does hereby extend  
7 sincerest wishes that they continue to prosper in all of their endeavors.

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