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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 43

BY REPRESENTATIVE ADAMS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Jackie and Melvin Harvey, Jr., on being named Tree Farmers of the Year for their commitment and dedication to practicing sustainable forestry.

WHEREAS, forests cover more than 50% of the land area of Louisiana, and 90% of the forest land is privately owned; more than 60% of the private forest land in the state is held by more than one hundred thousand individuals and families; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana's private forest lands are the foundation of a forest products industry that annually generates more than \$14 billion for the state economy and supports over forty thousand Louisiana jobs; and

WHEREAS, Jackie and Melvin Harvey, Jr., are the owners of The Shades tree farm in East Feliciana Parish, and they possess a love of land and family that inspires them to manage the land for timber, wildlife, clean air, water, and recreation for current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, The Shades has been in the Harvey family for over two hundred years, dating back to the Spanish Land Grant around 1796; the property served as the setting for the movie *The Undefeated* starring John Wayne and Rock Hudson, and it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, the Harveys have instilled in their family the importance of good forest stewardship that contributes to the environment and economy of the community and state; they were selected to represent the American Tree Farm program in Louisiana on behalf of all forest landowners practicing good forest stewardship and exemplifying due diligence and careful planning that makes this property one of the best managed forests in the Louisiana Tree Farm program.

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE