BY SENATOR CATHEY

## A RESOLUTION

To designate April 26, 2022, as Louisiana Loggers Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

WHEREAS, Louisiana loggers, harvesters, and transportation haulers provide over eight thousand jobs within the state; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana's plentiful forestland covers thirteen million eight hundred thousand acres, which is forty-eight percent of the state's landmass, making forestry timber the state's largest agricultural crop and the second largest manufacturing employer; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Loggers Association is a nonprofit agricultural organization with a mission to support the state's logging and timber industry and to provide and promote sound forestry practices, timber management techniques, and education of industry benefits to civic and government leaders, which are all vital to maintaining this valuable natural, renewable, and sustainable resource; and

WHEREAS, loggers promote and advocate for the safe and healthy business operation of the forestry industry both in the forests and on the roads; and

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana collects over fourteen million dollars annually in timber severance taxes benefitting all citizens by leading to the improvement of roads and the sustainability of our forests; and

WHEREAS, the continuing collaboration and support between the logging industry and the citizens and leaders on the local and state level are vital to the continued growth and prosperity of this vital agricultural and economic industry.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate April 26, 2022, as Louisiana Loggers Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express its support for the mission of the Louisiana Loggers Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the board of directors of the Louisiana Loggers Association.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE