

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 10

BY SENATOR MIZELL

A RESOLUTION

To commend Gaston and Melanie Lanaux for being awarded the 2023 Tree Farmers of the Year by the Louisiana Forestry Association.

WHEREAS, forests cover more than fifty percent of the land area of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, ninety percent of the forest land is privately owned; and

WHEREAS, more than sixty percent of the private forest land is held by individuals and families, numbering more than one hundred thousand; and

WHEREAS, the private forest lands of Louisiana support a forest products industry that generates more than eleven billion dollars to the economy each year while employing more than thirty-seven thousand Louisianians; and

WHEREAS, their love of the land and family inspires the Lanauxs to manage the land for timber, wildlife, clean air, water, and recreation for current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Lanaux Tree Farm exemplifies good stewardship, careful planning, and due diligence that makes this property one of the best managed forests in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Lanauxs instilled in their children and grandchildren the importance of good forest stewardship that contributes environmentally and economically to the community and state; and

WHEREAS, the Lanauxs were selected to represent the American Tree Farm program in Louisiana on behalf of all forest landowners practicing good forest stewardship.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Gaston and Melanie Lanaux of Chardet LLC in Tangipahoa Parish for their dedication and commitment to practicing good forest stewardship and representing all family forest owners who make Louisiana forests the best.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Gaston and Melanie Lanaux and to the Louisiana Forestry Association Tree Farm program.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE