

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1

BY REPRESENTATIVE COATES

A RESOLUTION

To commend Melanie and Gaston Lanaux III on being named Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year and to recognize them for their commitment and dedication to practicing sustainable forestry on their tree farm, Chardet LLC, located in Tangipahoa Parish.

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Lanauxs have 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 House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Melanie and Gaston Lanaux III of Chardet LLC for their dedication and commitment to practicing good forest stewardship and representing all family forest owners who make Louisiana forests the best.

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES