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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 66

BY SENATOR THOMPSON

LEGIS POWERS/FUNCTIONS. Designates April 20, 2016, as "Forest Products Day" at the legislature and commends the forest products industry.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To designate April 20, 2016, as "Forest Products Day" at the legislature and commend the
3	forest products industry.
4	WHEREAS, Louisiana's forest lands cover forty-eight percent of the state's thirteen
5	million, eight hundred thousand acres; and
6	WHEREAS, forest lands provide raw materials for paper and wood product
7	manufacturers, recreational opportunities for the general public, and habitat for fish and
8	wildlife; and
9	WHEREAS, the forest products industry has been a key component of Louisiana's
10	economy since the first paper mill in the state opened in 1716; and
11	WHEREAS, timber is the number one crop in the state of Louisiana; and
12	WHEREAS, the forest products industry is Louisiana's second largest manufacturing
13	sector employer in the state, employing more than eighteen thousand people in forty-five
14	parishes; and
15	WHEREAS, the forest products industry pays an estimated ninety-two million in
16	state and local taxes and has an annual payroll of over one billion annually; and
17	WHEREAS, forest product companies are committed to continuous improvement
18	through the industry's initiative, Better Practices, Better Planet 2020; and

1	WHEREAS, Better Practices, Better Planet 2020 is the latest example of the forest
2	products industry's commitment to the long-term success of the industry, its communities,
3	and the environment; and
4	WHEREAS, the forest products industry is the leading producer and user of
5	renewable biomass energy, which exceeds the total energy produced from solar, wind, and
6	geothermal sources combined; and
7	WHEREAS, the forest products industry's voluntary recycling goal led to paper
8	recovery for recycling reaching over sixty-five percent in 2014; and
9	WHEREAS, the American Forest & Paper Association was created to advance a
10	sustainable U.S. pulp, paper, packaging, tissue, and wood products manufacturing industry;
11	and
12	WHEREAS, the Louisiana Pulp and Paper Association was established in 1992 to
13	advocate on behalf of the state's pulp, paper, and forest products industry; and
14	WHEREAS, the Louisiana Forestry Association was created in 1947 with the
15	mission to promote the health and productivity of Louisiana's forests for present and future
16	generations through the practice of sustainable forestry.
17	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
18	designate April 20, 2016, as "Forest Products Day" at the legislature and commends the
19	forest products industry.
20	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
21	American Forest & Paper Association, the Louisiana Pulp and Paper Association, and the
22	Louisiana Forestry Association.
	The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Curry Lann.

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