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Senate Resolution No. ____

A resolution recognizing the state's forest products industry and commending the creation of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative.

WHEREAS, Floridians have always taken great pride in our state's rich bounty of natural resources, and the careful stewardship of these precious assets is essential if future generations are to benefit from those resources, and

WHEREAS, the Florida forest products industry, in recognition of its stewardship responsibilities in nurturing the forest resource, has committed itself to the principle of sustainable forestry by initiating the Sustainable Forestry Initiative to promote, educate, train, and monitor adherence to sustaining the forest resource for future generations, and

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Forestry Initiative is a self-regulatory program based on the responsible environmental stewardship of the forests, water resources, and wildlife, and

WHEREAS, an essential component of the Florida economy, the forest products industry comprises more than 39,000 employees, and

WHEREAS, the vital importance of the industry underscores the necessity for intelligent management of the state's more than 16 million acres of forest land, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

That the Florida Senate recognizes and commends the forest products industry for its commitment to responsible use

1 of natural resources and for the creation of the Sustainable
2 Forestry Initiative as a means to this end.
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