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House Resolution

A resolution commending the Florida forest products industry.

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

WHEREAS, an essential component of the Florida economy, the forest products industry is comprised of more than 39,000 employees, and the vital importance of the industry underscores the necessity for intelligent management of the state's more than 16 million acres of forestland, and

WHEREAS, the Florida forest products industry, in recognition of its stewardship responsibilities in nurturing the forest resource, has pledged itself to the continuing principles of sustainable forestry by initiating the Sustainable Forestry Initiative Standard, a self-regulatory program committed to responsible environmental stewardship of the forests, water resources, and wildlife, and

WHEREAS, the agenda of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative Standard is to educate the public as to the importance, and train in the methods, of protecting these valuable resources, and to promote and monitor progress made toward this worthy goal, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida:

1           That the Florida House of Representatives hereby  
2 recognizes and commends the state's forest products industry  
3 for its commitment to the responsible use of natural  
4 resources, and applauds the creation of the Sustainable  
5 Forestry Initiative Standard as a means to this end.  
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