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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 127

BY SENATOR PEACOCK AND REPRESENTATIVE HENRY BURNS

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Ricky Kilpatrick on being named the 2015 Extension Forester of the Year by the Forest Landowners Association.

| 1 | A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION |
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| 2 | To commend and congratulate Ricky Kilpatrick on being named the 2015 Extension |
| 3 | Forester of the Year by the Forest Landowners Association. |
| 4 | WHEREAS, Ricky Kilpatrick, a long-time Louisiana State University Agricultural |
| 5 | Center forestry agent, has been named the 2015 Extension Forester of the Year by the Forest |
| 6 | Landowners Association, a national forestry advocacy group; and |
| 7 | WHEREAS, founded in 1941, the Forest Landowners Association's members own |
| 8 | and operate more than forty million acres of forest land in forty-eight states and are leading |
| 9 | advocates for the rights of America's forest owners; and |
| 10 | WHEREAS, the Forest Landowners Association provides advice, support and |
| 11 | information to policymakers on private forest management, stewardship, and owners' rights; |
| 12 | and |
| 13 | WHEREAS, the award recognizes an extension forester who has been in practice at |
| 14 | least five years and is dedicated to the advancement of forest landowner education and |
| 15 | outreach, with a focus on private landowners; and |
| 16 | WHEREAS, Ricky educates landowners, loggers and others about forestry, which |
| 17 | is Louisiana's number one agricultural commodity in land use and economic value; and |
| 18 | WHEREAS, Ricky began working for the Louisiana State University Agricultural |
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| 1 | Center in 1985 and has been dedicated to forestry education and outreach since that time; |
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| 2 | and |
| 3 | WHEREAS, he has taken a strong leadership role in the Louisiana branch of Project |
| 4 | Learning Tree as the coordinator and steering committee chairman; and |
| 5 | WHEREAS, Project Learning Tree is an award-winning environmental education |
| 6 | program for teachers and other educators, parents, and community leaders working with |
| 7 | youth from preschool through grade twelve; and |
| 8 | WHEREAS, during the past three years, more than one thousand educators have been |
| 9 | trained across the state; and |
| 10 | WHEREAS, Ricky has been the recipient of more than a half-dozen awards, |
| 11 | nationally recognized in many forestry publications, and acknowledged in Newsweek |
| 12 | magazine for his work with Project Learning Tree; and |
| 13 | WHEREAS, his selfless commitment and wealth of knowledge have played a vital |
| 14 | role in the success of Project Learning Tree; and |
| 15 | WHEREAS, Ricky has an impeccable reputation among Louisiana landowners and |
| 16 | is always looking for ways to better serve the community and improve forestry in the state; |
| 17 | and |
| 18 | WHEREAS, Ricky is also actively involved in the Louisiana Forestry Teachers' |
| 19 | Tour, which provides training in sound forest management principles for teachers; and |
| 20 | WHEREAS, Ricky will be presented with the Extension Forester of the Year award |
| 21 | on June 4, 2015, as part of the National Conference of Private Forest Landowners in Virginia |
| 22 | Beach, Virginia. |
| 23 | THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby |
| 24 | commend and congratulate Ricky Kilpatrick on being named Extension Forester of the Year |
| 25 | by the Forest Landowners Association. |
| 26 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Ricky |
| 27 | Kilpatrick. |

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Curry Lann.

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