

HOUSE RESOLUTION 42

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Bob and Laura Qualman upon being named the 2010 Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year by the Tennessee Tree Farm Committee.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially recognize those outstanding citizens of our State who have committed themselves to sustaining the renewable natural resources of Tennessee in a manner that provides economic enrichment while preserving valuable resources and biodiversity; and

WHEREAS, one such couple dedicated to conservationism is Bob and Laura Qualman, the owners and operators of the Qualman tree farm, who were recently named the 2010 Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year; and

WHEREAS, this annual award recognizes tree farmers who perform an outstanding service in the area of forest and resource management and promote the tree farm program through action and example; and

WHEREAS, after longing to own property for hunting and recreation, in 1992, the Qualmans purchased a 289-acre farm located in Humphreys county; and

WHEREAS, after purchasing the farm, the dynamic duo sought and received professional advice from a number of sources, and after securing a written forest management plan, the Qualmans began to craft several new ideas for the management of the properties' natural resources; and

WHEREAS, imbued with an admirable passion for the natural forests of Tennessee, the Qualmans have worked assiduously to develop their tree farm into an ideal environment for pre-commercial hardwood thinning, pine tree planting, and erosion control; and

WHEREAS, with wildlife and recreation also being an important facet to the Qualman Tree Farm, Bob and Laura Qualman expertly created wildlife openings and planted wildlife crops, providing ample opportunity to view a variety of wildlife in their natural surroundings; and

WHEREAS, upcoming activities on this esteemed tree farm include a pine first thinning, a hardwood patch clear-cut, and an understory prescribe burning, making improvements that seem minimal but prove to be monumental over an extended period of time; and

WHEREAS, ever vigilant about following their prescribed tree farm plan, these exceptional tree farmers will soon experience the fruits of their nascent woodland investment, as it will succeed in providing income to offset previous and future investments, allowing the Qualmans to enjoy the get-away property; and

WHEREAS, the Qualmans are involved in many natural resource organizations including the Tennessee Forestry Association, the American Tree Farm System, the Houston/Humphreys County Forestry Association which Bob Qualman serves as chairman, and the Wild Turkey Federation and Quail Unlimited; and

WHEREAS, Bob and Laura Qualman are the fitting recipients of Tennessee's 2010 Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year award, and their commitment to responsible stewardship of the land is most assuredly deserving of special recognition by this General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we congratulate Bob and Laura Qualman upon being named the 2010 Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year by the Tennessee Tree Farm Committee and thank them for their dedicated and thorough understanding of our State's precious renewable resources -- our forestland and wildlife habitat.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.