

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1035

By Bowling

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Shane Lusk upon being named the 2019 Master Logger of the Year by the Tennessee Forestry Association.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Shane Lusk, who the Tennessee Forestry Association has chosen as its 2019 Master Logger of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lusk comes from a long line of timber harvesters and began his career with his family's mill and logging operation after graduating from high school in 1994; and

WHEREAS, today, Shane Lusk carries on his family's legacy through his business, Tennessee Tree Cutters, LLC, which he established in 2007; and

WHEREAS, a resident of Grundy County, Mr. Lusk became a Tennessee Master Logger in 2002, and he ensures that two of his crew members are also Tennessee Master Logger trained; and

WHEREAS, Shane Lusk supervises five crew members, and his father is available to offer advice and operate the bulldozer when needed; his equipment includes four John Deere Skidders, two loaders, two feller bunchers, one Caterpillar D6M Dozer, one John Deere 350 Excavator, and two road trucks and trailers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lusk harvests hardwood and pine and works with landowners and foresters to determine if their harvest should be clear cut, thinned, or selectively cut; he always walks a job before harvesting and is quick to adapt his plans due to weather and/or ground conditions; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lusk and his crew strive to protect residual stands and minimize the potential for soil erosion; they use seed and hay on creek crossings to facilitate vegetation growth and stabilize disturbed areas in streamside management zones. Additionally, he installs silt fences and hay bales on turnouts and check dams on ditches to stop runoff from haul roads; and

WHEREAS, because safety is paramount, he ensures that his crew members receive CPR training and are provided with personal protective equipment; daily safety meetings are held to address any issues and concerns, and machines are inspected every day for potential safety issues and leaks. There are fire extinguishers available on every machine, and trucks and trailers are routinely inspected; and

WHEREAS, Shane Lusk epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Shane Lusk for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Shane Lusk upon being named the 2019 Master Logger of the Year by the Tennessee Forestry Association and extend to him our best wishes for success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.