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8 RECOGNIZING THE AMERICAN TREE FARM SYSTEM ON THE  
9 OCCASION OF ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY.

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11 WHEREAS, it is a tremendous privilege to honor and  
12 recognize our great American Tree Farm System on the occasion  
13 of its 75th Anniversary; and

14 WHEREAS, the American Tree Farm System has helped  
15 society sustain our precious forestland, which covers  
16 one-third of the land of the United States, along with the  
17 benefits derived from forestland such as clean drinking water  
18 and air, renewable wood, furniture, energy, paper products,  
19 space to recreate, abundant wildlife habitat, and well-paying  
20 jobs across the state; and

21 WHEREAS, much of the nation's forestland is owned by  
22 those remarkable Alabamians who are dedicated to making the  
23 world a better place, and the American Tree Farm System has  
24 aided our invaluable family and individual woodland owners in  
25 serving as good stewards of the forests; and

26 WHEREAS, notably, more than 2,700 individuals and  
27 families combined own more than 2.4 million acres in Alabama;

1 we are indebted to the tree farmers of Alabama who have  
2 invested time, manpower, and personal funds in practicing  
3 sustainable forest management on their land for the best  
4 interests of society; and

5 WHEREAS, the American Tree Farm System efficiently  
6 operates as a result of the tireless efforts and hard work of  
7 volunteers, woodland associations, conservation organizations,  
8 forest products companies, university extensions, and the  
9 Alabama Forestry Commission; now therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
11 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby recognize June 12,  
12 2016, as the 75th Anniversary of the American Tree Farm  
13 System, and urge Alabamians to observe this day with  
14 accompanying ceremonies and activities that highlight the  
15 importance of this essential program.