

House Resolution 24EX

By: Representative Buckner of the 137th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending federal reforestation programs for their consideration regarding mandatory
2 requirements for the planting of only one specific species of tree; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is the number one producer of forest products in the United
4 States of America; and

5 WHEREAS, Hurricane Michael impacted multiple southern states from Florida to Virginia,
6 including much of Georgia, damaging forest, agricultural, and urban landscapes; and

7 WHEREAS, 2,368,266 acres of Georgia forest land were impacted by Hurricane Michael;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, federal reforestation programs have mandatory requirements for the planting
10 of only one specific species of tree, such as long leaf pines; and

11 WHEREAS, long leaf pines are hardy and beautiful trees, but they are also slow growing
12 trees that prefer very specific soil types; and

13 WHEREAS, tree farmers should be allowed to plant trees that are most suitable for the soil
14 type on their farms; and

15 WHEREAS, tree farmers in Georgia have suffered a great loss following Hurricane Michael,
16 and the effort to return to a pre-storm state would be significantly improved by allowing
17 reforestation using a variety of tree species.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 the members of this body are grateful federal reforestation programs provide timber growers
20 flexibility for the planting of species of trees suitable to their soil type.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
22 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
23 members of Georgia's Congressional Delegation.