

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 176

BY REPRESENTATIVE FANNIN AND SENATOR GALLOT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Travis Taylor of Winn Parish for his many achievements and contributions to the logging industry.

WHEREAS, Travis Taylor, a native and current resident of Winn Parish, is a leading force in the logging industry on the local, state, and national level and is the first Louisianian to serve as president of the American Logging Council; and

WHEREAS, with humble beginnings as a teenager harvesting short pulpwood by hand, Travis Taylor earned a degree in forestry from Louisiana Tech University and eventually became a successful logging contractor with state-of-the-art logging equipment such as the cut-to-length harvester and in-woods whole tree chipper; and

WHEREAS, an innovator of logging methods, Travis Taylor embraces the Sustainable Forestry Initiative and its Best Management Programs to ensure sustainable forests for future generations; and

WHEREAS, to address his fellow "log-haulers" business needs, Travis Taylor founded the Southern Loggers Cooperative and Wood Products Development Foundation, and served on the board of directors of The Timbermen's Self-Insurance Fund which currently provides services to logging contractors in ten states; and

WHEREAS, Travis Taylor has been recognized as "Louisiana Logger of the Year" and President of the Louisiana Logging Council; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor has also been recognized by the Louisiana Forestry Association for his numerous contributions to the industry in Louisiana and has been recognized nationally for his positive impact in United States Forest Service harvesting activities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize, commend, and salute Travis Taylor of Winn Parish for his many achievements and contributions to the Louisiana logging industry, his leadership among his peers within the industry, his friendship to all who know him, and the courageous fight he has waged against cancer, bolstered by the prayers and support of his friends and his faith.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Travis Taylor.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE