

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 346

By Walley

A RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate John H. White III upon being named the 2022 Tennessee Tree Farmer of the Year.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take pleasure in recognizing those industrious Tennesseans who excel in their fields of endeavor and bring pride and prosperity to this State; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is John H. White III of Savannah, who was recently named the 2022 Tree Farmer of the Year by the Tennessee Forestry Association, an honor most befitting his dedication to maintaining the integrity of the property and forest under his charge; and

WHEREAS, Mr. White has been a tree farmer since the 1960s, and his tree farm includes 4,200 acres throughout Hardin County; and

WHEREAS, John H. White III has maintained a written forest management plan for more than twenty-five years and has employed a forestry consultant since the 1980s; and

WHEREAS, his most recent forest management has included a plantation clear-cut and marked hardwood timber sales, and reforestation efforts have been undertaken on 1,250 acres of the tree farm; and

WHEREAS, other forest management activities within the past five years include improvement of roads, retired post-harvest, and protection of stream channels with streamside management zones flagged; and

WHEREAS, Mr. White manages his tree farm for multiple uses, which include hunting as well as timber management; goals for the tree farm include growing timber for financial gain as well as providing wildlife habitat for hunting purposes; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure as a Tennessee tree farmer, John H. White III has encouraged other forest landowners to manage their forests in as productive and healthy a manner as possible; and

WHEREAS, a trusted leader among his peers, Mr. White is a founding member of the Hardin County Forestry Association as well as the Tennessee Forestry Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. White's family-owned and -operated tree farm is a prime example of successful, sustainable forest management, and John H. White III intends for his son to inherit this healthy and productive forest in Hardin County for the White family to enjoy for many generations to come; and

WHEREAS, Mr. White has worked tirelessly throughout his life to promote responsible, sustainable forestry on his own property and properties across Tennessee, and he is most worthy of recognition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we commend and congratulate John H. White III upon being named the 2022 Tree Farmer of the Year by the Tennessee Forestry Association, extending our best wishes for much continued success in the future.

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.