

SENATE RESOLUTION 171

By Bowling

A RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate Randa Miner upon being named the 2017 Tree Farmer of the Year.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body 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 Randa Miner, who was recently named the 2017 Tree Farmer of the Year by the Tennessee Forestry Association, an honor most befitting her dedication to maintaining the integrity of the property and forest under her charge; and

WHEREAS, a retired teacher, Ms. Miner is a tree farmer for the Frank Hill Heirs Estate property, a 5,000-acre tract of land in Warren, Van Buren, and Sequatchie counties that has been in her family since a land grant in the early 1800s; and

WHEREAS, the Hill Heirs have been a member of the Tennessee Forestry Association since 1987, and Randa Miner has been active in the management of the tree farm since 1992; she has been the person responsible for keeping the property intact and in well-managed forestry production for the last several years, just as her mother, Livy Hoover, was before her; and

WHEREAS, an outstanding steward of the land, Ms. Miner has been proactive in protecting forest health, with early detection of pests such as pine beetle and Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, and continues to cooperate with various state and federal agencies to ensure the forest remains healthy; and

WHEREAS, earlier this year, she completed treatment of Hemlock along four miles of streams, not only protecting trees but also enhancing the water quality in the Collins River watershed; she plans to restore Shortleaf pine on 300 acres of plateau forest in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Randa Miner has made active decisions to keep the Frank Hill Heirs Estate property functioning as a working forest, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we congratulate Randa Miner upon being named the 2017 Tree Farmer of the Year by the Tennessee Forestry Association, extending our best wishes for much continued success in her 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.