

**No. R-428. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 winners of the Vermont Forest Products Association and the Northeast Loggers Association awards.**

(H.C.R.354)

Offered by: Representatives Lewis of Berlin, Burditt of West Rutland, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Cupoli of Rutland City, Donahue of Northfield, Fagan of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Howard of Rutland City, Kimbell of Woodstock, Potter of Clarendon, Sibilila of Dover, and Troiano of Stannard

Whereas, the forestry industry plays a major role in Vermont's economy, and

Whereas, managed forests contribute to the conservation of the State's natural resources and Vermonters' constitutional right to hunt and fish, and

Whereas, the Vermont Forest Products Association (statewide) and the Northeast Loggers Association (multistate) represent various aspects of the forestry industry, and

Whereas, each of these associations presents similarly named awards, recognizing excellence and professionalism in different categories of forestry-related roles, and

Whereas, the Northeast Loggers Association's awards are presented at the organization's annual regional expositions held at different locations, and

Whereas, in a convergence of both organizations' assessments of the region's outstanding forestry professionals and organizations, six of this year's regional award winners were also recipients of the Vermont Forest Products Association's recognition, and

Whereas, the 2018 regional Northeast Loggers Association award winners are: Robert Williams (Outstanding Sawmill Operator—Ames True Temper Corporation—Wallingford); Ginger Anderson (Outstanding Contribution to Forest Industry Education—Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation—Berlin); Mark Doty (Outstanding Leadership in Industry—Weyerhaeuser—Fairfield, Maine); Rick Grover (Outstanding Service to the Forest Industry—Clifton, Maine); the Stafford Tech Center's Forestry and Natural Resources Program (Outstanding Use of Wood—Rutland); Steve Galbreath (Outstanding Logging Operator—Twin State Forestry—Ascutney); Mike Tatro (Outstanding Forest Products Trucking Operator—Mike Tatro & Sons Trucking—Stamford); and Tim Cleveland (Outstanding Contributions to the Forest Products Industry—Tim Cleveland Logging and Trucking—Hardwick), and

Whereas, these regional awards will be presented on May 12 at the Northeast Loggers Association Expo in Essex Junction, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2018 Northeast Loggers Association regional award winners, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each award recipient and to the Vermont Forest Products Association.