

No. R-434. House concurrent resolution welcoming the 2010 National Tree Farmer Convention to Vermont.

(H.C.R.313)

Offered by: Representatives Potter of Clarendon, Acinapura of Brandon, Adams of Hartland, Ainsworth of Royalton, Andrews of Rutland City, Aswad of Burlington, Audette of South Burlington, Baker of West Rutland, Bissonnette of Winooski, Bohi of Hartford, Botzow of Pownal, Branagan of Georgia, Bray of New Haven, Brennan of Colchester, Burke of Brattleboro, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cheney of Norwich, Clark of Vergennes, Clarkson of Woodstock, Clerkin of Hartford, Condon of Colchester, Conquest of Newbury, Consejo of Sheldon, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Corcoran of Bennington, Courcelle of Rutland City, Deen of Westminster, Devereux of Mount Holly, Donaghy of Poultney, Donovan of Burlington, Edwards of Brattleboro, Emmons of Springfield, Fagan of Rutland City, Fisher of Lincoln, Frank of Underhill, Geier of South Burlington, Gilbert of Fairfax, Haas of Rochester, Heath of Westford, Helm of Castleton, Higley of Lowell, Howard of Cambridge, Howrigan of Fairfield, Hubert of Milton, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Johnson of Canaan, Klein of East Montpelier, Komline of Dorset, Krebs of South Hero, Lanpher of Vergennes, Larocque of Barnet, Lawrence of Lyndon, Leriche of Hardwick, Lewis of Derby, Lippert of Hinesburg, Lorber of Burlington, Macaig of Williston, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marcotte of Coventry, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Springfield, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, McAllister of Highgate, McCullough of Williston, McDonald of Berlin, McFaun of Barre Town, McNeil of Rutland Town, Miller of Shaftsbury, Minter of Waterbury, Mitchell of Barnard, Mook of Bennington, Morley of Barton, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Nease of Johnson, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Brien of Richmond, Obuchowski of Rockingham, O'Donnell of Vernon, Orr of Charlotte, Partridge of Windham, Pearce of Richford, Peaslee of Guildhall, Pellett of Chester, Peltz of Woodbury, Perley of Enosburg, Pugh of South Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Rodgers of Glover, Scheuermann of Stowe, Shand of Weathersfield, Sharpe of Bristol, Shaw of Pittsford, Smith of Mendon, Smith of Morristown, South of St. Johnsbury, Sweaney of Windsor, Taylor of Barre City, Toll of Danville, Townsend of Randolph, Turner of Milton, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Weston of Burlington, Winters of Williamstown, Young of St. Albans City, Zenie of Colchester and Zuckerman of Burlington

Offered by: Senators Ayer, Campbell, Carris, Doyle, Flory, Giard, Hartwell, Kitchel, Kittell, Lyons, MacDonald, Mullin, Nitka, Racine, Sears, Shumlin, Snelling and White

Whereas, the term “tree farming” was coined in the early 1940s to convey the concept of sustainable or continual stewardship of tree production, and

Whereas, the American Tree Farm System (ATFS) was established in 1941, and, with 91,000 members, is the largest forest conservation, certification, and advocacy program in the United States, and

Whereas, the first Vermont Tree Farm was created in 1955 at what is today the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park in Woodstock, and

Whereas, ATFS manages 25 million acres of private forestland which provide wood, water, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities, and

Whereas, in Vermont, 75 percent of the land is forested, and this is the third highest forestation percentage in the country, and

Whereas, forest-derived products produced from Vermont’s working landscape greatly contribute to the state’s economy, and

Whereas, Vermont’s forests are a basis for much of the state’s tourism, including foliage viewers, summer vacationers, hikers, skiers, snowmobilers, hunters, and fishermen and -women, and

Whereas, these forests sequester carbon and give off oxygen, filter water and control erosion, and provide habitat for myriad wildlife species, and

Whereas, the Vermont Woodlands Association sponsors the Tree Farm Program in the state and its programs for wood, water, wildlife, and recreation and is proud to be hosting the 2010 National Tree Farmer Convention in Burlington on July 13–15, 2010, and

Whereas, this convention is a perfect opportunity for America's Tree Farmers to observe the many sustainable forestry projects occurring in Vermont, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commends the American Tree Farm System and the Vermont Woodlands Association for their continuing and exemplary efforts promoting sustainable forestry throughout the United States and in Vermont, respectively, and welcomes to Vermont the 2010 National Tree Farmer Convention and its attendees, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Woodlands Association in Rutland and the American Tree Farm System in Washington, D.C.