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**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE THE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF EARTH DAY ON APRIL 22, 2010, AND TO CELEBRATE FORESTRY IN THE PALMETTO STATE.

Whereas, on April 22, 2010, Earth Day, a time set aside for spotlighting the importance of environmental issues, will celebrate its fortieth anniversary; and

Whereas, as a critical part of our environment, trees provide scenic vistas and other esthetic benefits, wildlife habitat, recreational opportunities, clean air and water, and thousands of wood products; and

Whereas, timber, South Carolina’s leading cash crop, produces a delivered value of eight hundred seventy million dollars, sustaining a wood and paper products industry with an annual economic impact of seventeen billion dollars; and

Whereas, among other boons they offer, trees sequester carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and provide wood biomass for renewable energy; and

Whereas, two thirds of South Carolina, or 12.9 million acres, is forested, with 88 percent of the state’s forests being privately owned and the remainder resting under public ownership. Family owners control 67 percent; and

Whereas, because the Palmetto State is blessed with such a large proportion of forested land, as well as other outstanding natural resources, it is appropriate that the General Assembly, on behalf of the citizens of this great State, should celebrate forestry in South Carolina and recognize Earth Day, now celebrating its fortieth anniversary. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize the fortieth anniversary of Earth Day on April 22, 2010, and celebrate forestry in the Palmetto State.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Palmetto Agribusiness Council, South Carolina Forestry Association, and South Carolina Forestry Commission.

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