

House Concurrent Resolution 208

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Marks 75th anniversary of American Tree Farm System and commends those who developed it for farsighted stewardship of Oregon's forest resources.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas in 1941, when forestry on private lands was beginning to emerge, a small group of
3 foresters created the American Tree Farm System to encourage and promote reforestation and good
4 land management practices for the present and for future generations; and

5 Whereas the American Tree Farm System began in the Pacific Northwest and by 1975 had
6 spread to all 50 states; and

7 Whereas the American Tree Farm System celebrates its 75th anniversary in 2016; and

8 Whereas the American Tree Farm System has made enormous contributions in nurturing Oregon
9 forests for the benefit of all; and

10 Whereas also in 1941, with the support of the forest products community and Oregonians
11 throughout this state, the Oregon Forest Conservation Act was enacted to protect and conserve
12 forest resources for the equal and guaranteed use of future generations; and

13 Whereas the Oregon Forest Conservation Act served as a precursor to the Oregon Forest
14 Practices Act; and

15 Whereas before it became fashionable to plant trees and to care for our forests, foresters vol-
16 unteering for the American Tree Farm System were encouraging the planting and nurturing of for-
17 ests on private lands through a program of recognizing sustainable forest stewardship; and

18 Whereas the American Tree Farm System and the Oregon Forest Conservation Act are shining
19 examples of Oregon's early commitment to responsible environmentalism by protecting forest re-
20 sources while also providing forest products for Oregonians and for all Americans; and

21 Whereas as residents of the nation's leading forest products producing state, Oregonians have
22 recognized and will continue to recognize the critical role trees play in this state; now, therefore,

23 **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

24 That we, the members of the Seventy-eighth Legislative Assembly, recognize the 75th anniver-
25 sary of the American Tree Farm System, commend the American Tree Farm System, the Oregon
26 Tree Farm System, Inc., Oregon Women in Timber and other groups interested in wise management
27 of our forest resources for 75 years of advocating and following prudent forest practices, and join
28 with all Oregonians in applauding a farsighted system that has provided us with trees for today,
29 tomorrow and forever.

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