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SUMMARY

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

Whereas before it became fashionable to plant trees and to care for our forests, foresters volunteering for the American Tree Farm System were encouraging the planting and nurturing of forests on private lands through a

1 program of recognizing sustainable forest stewardship; and

2 Whereas the American Tree Farm System and the Oregon Forest Conser-
3 vation Act are shining examples of Oregon's early commitment to responsible
4 environmentalism by protecting forest resources while also providing forest
5 products for Oregonians and for all Americans; and

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

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

10 That we, the members of the Seventy-eighth Legislative Assembly, recog-
11 nize the 75th anniversary of the American Tree Farm System, commend the
12 American Tree Farm System, the Oregon Tree Farm System, Inc., Oregon
13 Women in Timber and other groups interested in wise management of our
14 forest resources for 75 years of advocating and following prudent forest
15 practices, and join with all Oregonians in applauding a farsighted system
16 that has provided us with trees for today, tomorrow and forever.