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8 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

9 RECOGNIZING THE STATE'S TIMBER AND FOREST PRODUCTS
10 COMMUNITY AND COMMENDING THE CREATION OF THE
11 SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY INITIATIVE.

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13 **Subtitle**

14 RECOGNIZING THE STATE'S TIMBER AND
15 FOREST PRODUCTS COMMUNITY AND COMMENDING
16 THE CREATION OF THE SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY
17 INITIATIVE.

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20 WHEREAS, Arkansas, The Natural State, takes great pride in our state's
21 rich bounty of natural resources, and the careful stewardship of those
22 precious assets is essential if future generations are to benefit from those
23 resources; and

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25 WHEREAS, the Arkansas timber and forest products community, in
26 recognition of its stewardship responsibilities in nurturing the forest
27 resource, has committed itself to the principle of sustainable forestry by
28 initiating the Sustainable Forestry Initiative to promote, educate, train,
29 and monitor adherence to sustaining the forest resource for future
30 generations; and

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32 WHEREAS, Arkansas is blessed with more than 18.4 million acres of
33 renewable, constantly growing forest land occupied by approximately 12.2
34 billion living trees; and

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36 WHEREAS, the timber and forest products community in our great state

1 employs more than 45,000 Arkansans with an annual payroll in excess of \$1
2 billion; and

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4 WHEREAS, forests will continue to yield a biodiversity of wildlife and
5 plant materials, clean water, purification and cleaning of air, prevention
6 and reduction of siltation due to runoff into streams, and immeasurable
7 aesthetic values known only to each person enjoying them; and

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9 WHEREAS, the Sustainable Forestry Initiative is a self-regulatory
10 program based on the responsible environmental stewardship of the forests,
11 water resources, and wildlife.

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13 NOW THEREFORE,
14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-THIRD GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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17 That the members of this body recognize and commend Arkansas' timber
18 and forest products' community for its commitment to responsible use of
19 natural resources and the creation of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative as
20 a means to that end.

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