

1 Center in 1985 and has been dedicated to forestry education and outreach since that time;
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3 WHEREAS, he has taken a strong leadership role in the Louisiana branch of Project
4 Learning Tree as the coordinator and steering committee chairman; and

5 WHEREAS, Project Learning Tree is an award-winning environmental education
6 program for teachers and other educators, parents, and community leaders working with
7 youth from preschool through grade twelve; and

8 WHEREAS, during the past three years, more than one thousand educators have been
9 trained across the state; and

10 WHEREAS, Ricky has been the recipient of more than a half-dozen awards,
11 nationally recognized in many forestry publications, and acknowledged in Newsweek
12 magazine for his work with Project Learning Tree; and

13 WHEREAS, his selfless commitment and wealth of knowledge have played a vital
14 role in the success of Project Learning Tree; and

15 WHEREAS, Ricky has an impeccable reputation among Louisiana landowners and
16 is always looking for ways to better serve the community and improve forestry in the state;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Ricky is also actively involved in the Louisiana Forestry Teachers'
19 Tour, which provides training in sound forest management principles for teachers; and

20 WHEREAS, Ricky will be presented with the Extension Forester of the Year award
21 on June 4, 2015, as part of the National Conference of Private Forest Landowners in Virginia
22 Beach, Virginia.

23 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
24 commend and congratulate Ricky Kilpatrick on being named Extension Forester of the Year
25 by the Forest Landowners Association.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Ricky
27 Kilpatrick.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Curry Lann.

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