

By: Representative Warren

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 108
(As Adopted by House and Senate)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING DR. JOHN LAMBERT ON BEING
2 NAMED MISSISSIPPI'S OUTSTANDING TREE FARMER OF THE YEAR.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. John Lambert of Covington County, Mississippi,
4 owner of the Lambert tree farm in Sumrall, has been named
5 Mississippi's Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Lambert's interest in forestry began in 1955
7 when he took a course in forest management at Mississippi State
8 University which taught him the importance of a well-thought-out
9 management plan; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Lambert's family began purchasing the current
11 property for the tree farm in the 1920's, and between 1958 and
12 1983, Dr. Lambert added several tracts adjoining the original
13 property; and

14 WHEREAS, Lambert's tree farm is made up of 750 acres of
15 highly productive forestland in Covington County, 400 of which are
16 old cotton fields planted in loblolly pine, and 350 of which are
17 managed natural stands; and

18 WHEREAS, the land is composed of most stand types that are
19 present in South Mississippi, including the mature longleaf pine,
20 the loblolly pine, the shortleaf pine and the mixed hardwood
21 stream bottoms; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Lambert, a retired veterinarian, is actively
23 involved on a daily basis in the farm's planning and operation and
24 has kept a diary of all work done on the farm since it was
25 certified as a tree farm and placed under a written management
26 plan in 1958; and

27 WHEREAS, Dr. Lambert's primary goals for the tree farm are to
28 maximize economic return on investment, sustain forest production,
29 replicate native longleaf pine ecosystem, restore wildlife and
30 wildflower habitat and protect the soil and water quality; and

31 WHEREAS, in addition to those goals, Dr. Lambert adds the
32 desire for a strict accounting of all activity on the farm and
33 minimum damage to the soil, water and standing timber; and

34 WHEREAS, over the years, numerous timber sales, which have
35 done little damage to residual stands, have yielded forest
36 products including poles, sawtimber and chip-n-saw; and

37 WHEREAS, Dr. Lambert is currently working with the Nature
38 Conservancy in replicating a longleaf pine ecosystem on the
39 property; and

40 WHEREAS, Dr. Lambert believes that maximum return from the
41 tree farm can happen alongside careful stewardship of the
42 environment; and

43 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Legislature to recognize and
44 pay special tribute to outstanding Mississippians such as Dr. John
45 Lambert, whose family has strived for good forest and wildlife
46 management and benign treatment of the land:

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
48 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
49 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Dr. John
50 Lambert on being named Mississippi's Outstanding Tree Farmer of
51 the Year and extend our heartiest wishes to him for success in all
52 his future endeavors.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
54 furnished to Dr. John Lambert, the Lambert tree farm and members
55 of the Capitol Press Corps.