

By: Representative Woods

To: Rules

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING MR. ART WAYMIRE FOR HIS  
2 OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FIELD OF FORESTRY.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Art Waymire of Foxden Plantation is one of the  
4 best cooperators in Marshall County, whose interests are equally  
5 divided between soil and water conservation, timber production,  
6 wildlife and aesthetics; and

7 WHEREAS, his commitment to these areas in the last five years  
8 has been evidenced by the harvesting of 25 acres of bug-damaged  
9 pine saw-timber, reforestation of approximately 569 acres, heavy  
10 herbicide site preparation of 569 acres, herbicide release of 460  
11 acres and permanent firebreaks of 18 miles; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Waymire has used his expertise in forestry to  
13 educate the community by hosting two adult forestry field days for  
14 teachers and students of Rust College, five youth groups for tree  
15 planting and tree identification, Arbor Day Tree Planting  
16 projects, Earth Day celebrations, Youth Forestry Field Day-Theme:  
17 "Environment," the 2003 Forestry Field Day on the grounds of the  
18 Audubon Center and opening his farm to the "Catch-A-Dream"  
19 program; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Waymire has received numerous awards for his  
21 work, such as the 1997 Award for Outstanding Conservation  
22 Landowner, the 2002 Northeast District Tree Farmer, the 2002  
23 Mississippi Conservationist of the Year and the 2003 Northeast  
24 Mississippi Tree Farmer of the Year; and

25 WHEREAS, this great forester has not only received various  
26 awards, he has been featured in a number of newspapers around this  
27 state, such as the *South Reporter*, the *Sunday Regional Edition of*

28 *the Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal, and the Pigeon Roost*  
29 *News; and*

30 WHEREAS, to maintain his level of excellence in the field of  
31 forestry, Mr. Waymire belongs to a number of forestry  
32 associations, such as the Marshall County Forestry Association,  
33 Mississippi Forestry Association, Forest Landowners Association,  
34 Mississippi Wildlife Federation and the Marshall County Soil and  
35 Water Conservation; and

36 WHEREAS, the best evidence of his skills as a forester exists  
37 in Foxden Plantation, a 2,021 acre farm, in which Mr. Waymire has  
38 executed every part of his Stewardship Incentive Plan by  
39 rehabilitating all of the land, water and wildlife resources that  
40 were in disaster; and

41 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Legislature of the State of  
42 Mississippi to recognize remarkable foresters who help to  
43 revitalize the lands of our great state:

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
45 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
46 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend Mr. Art Waymire for his  
47 outstanding contributions to the field of forestry and extend our  
48 heartiest wishes for success in all his future endeavors.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
50 furnished to Mr. Art Waymire, his family and members of the  
51 Capitol Press Corps.