MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

By: Representative Wallace

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 51

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MAR-CAL INCORPORATED UPON BEING 2 AWARDED THE 2022 SOUTHCENTRAL REGION OUTSTANDING LOGGER AND THE 3 2022 NATIONAL OUTSTANDING LOGGER BY THE FOREST RESOURCES 4 ASSOCIATION, AND KEN, SANDY, BRENT AND BRAD MARTIN FOR LEADING A 5 LEGACY OF LAND STEWARDSHIP AND AGRICULTURAL ENRICHMENT. 6 WHEREAS, Mar-Cal Incorporated is a family-owned forestry and 7 logging company that has made and continues to make significant contributions to the State of Mississippi; and 8 9 WHEREAS, Ken Martin is the President and CEO of Mar-Cal, 10 Inc., his wife Sandy is the office manager and their sons, Brent and Brad, who both graduated from Mississippi State University, 11 12 work on the logging crew; and WHEREAS, Ken is a third generation tree farmer and logger who 13 grew up on his family's certified tree farm, where he learned to 14 15 implement a management plant, the importance of land stewardship 16 and attention to detail; and 17 WHEREAS, after graduating from Mississippi State University with a degree from the College of Agriculture, the passions 18

19 instilled in him by his parents manifested into motivation to form 20 Mar-Cal in 1976; and

21 WHEREAS, following in his family's footsteps, Ken, along with 22 Sandy, made sure their sons, Brent and Brad, began working in land 23 management with Mar-Cal when they were children, completing their 24 family's legacy by earning their degrees in agricultural economics 25 from Mississippi State; and

26 WHEREAS, Ken and Sandy are also community-minded business 27 owners, who are committed to passing on knowledge to the next 28 generation of farmers volunteering their time, as evidenced by Ken 29 serving 15 years as the Chairman of the Mississippi Loggers 30 Association, serving the past two years on the Mississippi 31 Forestry Association Executive Committee and speaking at a Forest 32 Resources Association, just to name a few; and

33 WHEREAS, this dynamic couple has spent numerous hours locally 34 and nationally promoting the importance of the forestry industry 35 by traveling throughout the State of Mississippi to speak with 36 senators and representatives to promote forestry legislation and 37 to Washington, D.C., to educate congressmen and women about the 38 federal Safer Routes Act and a state harvest permit bill; and

39 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to 40 commend Mississippi corporations that provide generational 41 economic development to this state while training future leaders 42 in the Mississippi agriculture industry:

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we commend Mar-Cal Incorporated for being awarded the 2022 Southcentral Region Outstanding Logger by the Forest Resources Association and the 2022 National Outstanding Logger By The Forest Resources Association, and Ken, Sandy, Brent and Brad Martin for leading a legacy of land stewardship and agricultural enrichment.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be 51 furnished to Ken, Sandy, Brent and Brad Martin and to the members 52 of the Capitol Press Corps.