

By: Senator(s) DeBar, Seymour, Barnett,
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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 40

1 A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE CONGRATULATIONS OF THE MISSISSIPPI
2 SENATE TO RANDY MCINNIS AND DAVID HARVISON OF TIMBERLINE
3 TRUCKING/D&R LOGGING IN LEAKESVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, IN RECOGNITION
4 OF BEING SELECTED AS THE MISSISSIPPI FORESTRY ASSOCIATION'S 2022
5 "LOGGERS OF THE YEAR."

6 WHEREAS, from chainsaws and trucks without power steering, to
7 some of the newest and most sophisticated equipment around, Randy
8 McInnis and David Harvison of Timberline Trucking, Inc.,/D&R
9 Logging, Inc., have seen it all in the 40 years of logging.
10 Selected as Mississippi Forestry Association's 2022 "Loggers of
11 the Year," they prove that hard work and dedication are worth the
12 effort; and

13 WHEREAS, McInnis and Harvison are brothers-in-law who started
14 their logging business in 1982 in Leakesville, Mississippi, with
15 little more than a chainsaw and cable skidder. "When we started,
16 we had a power saw, a cable skidder, and a 55-gallon drum with a
17 hand pump on the pickup truck for fuel," said Harvison. "But in
18 those days, we could operate just about a week on that drum. Now



19 if that's all we had, we couldn't operate for 30 minutes out
20 here"; and

21 WHEREAS, today, D&R Logging is still a family run business,
22 but their crew has grown to include woods workers, truck drivers,
23 timber buyers, a secretary and five sub-contracted logging crews.
24 Their equipment list has expanded significantly as well and
25 includes three skidders, two feller bunchers, two knucklebooms, a
26 loader, six log trucks and various other pickup trucks and service
27 trucks; and

28 WHEREAS, during these past 40 years in business, McInnis and
29 Harvison have always had safety at the forefront of their
30 operations. This is evident in the impressive fact that the
31 business has never had a lost-time accident. The company has a
32 written safety and hazardous communication plan, conducts monthly
33 safety meetings, provides personal protective equipment, utilizes
34 modernized equipment with industry-leading safety features, and
35 recently purchased new VHF radios for better means of
36 communication; and

37 WHEREAS, D&R Logging buys their own timber and utilizes their
38 own contracts with mills. Approximately 10% of their timber comes
39 from government lands; 50% comes from industry lands; and the
40 remaining 40% comes from private nonindustry lands. Their annual
41 production consists of approximately 6,077 board feet of
42 sawtimber, 50,000 tons of pulpwood, and 20,000 tons of poles,
43 piling or other uses; and



44 WHEREAS, the timber that the company cuts is supplied to over
45 15 mills in Mississippi and Alabama. They currently move between
46 75 and 90 loads per week, all while merchandising the timber into
47 nine different product categories. Much to the benefit of
48 landowners, they have successfully exceeded expected cut-outs on
49 timber harvests; and

50 WHEREAS, the amount of timber they cut on a weekly basis is
51 impressive, but more impressive is the way the crew follows
52 Sustainable Forestry Initiative guidelines and Best Management
53 Practices. Tops and slash are scattered to prevent soil erosion;
54 minimal stems and brush are left standing; streamside management
55 zones are protected; buffer sites are utilized; tires and oil are
56 properly disposed of; ramps and access points are selected with
57 safety and minimal environmental impact in mind; water bars are
58 established to prevent erosion; and stream crossings are cleaned;
59 and

60 WHEREAS, McInnis and Harvison want to make sure their
61 company, and the logging industry as a whole, leave a good
62 impression on landowners and the general public. They frequently
63 sponsor local events, local youth sports, Log-A-Load for Kids and
64 local economic development organizations; and

65 WHEREAS, McInnis is active in the local county forestry
66 association, the Mississippi Forestry Association (MFA), and the
67 Mississippi Loggers Association (MLA). He serves on the Board of
68 Directors for MLA and is their Southeast District President. His



69 son, Dillon McInnis, also works for the company and is very active
70 in the industry and their local community. He serves as the Vice
71 President of the Greene County Forestry Association, serves on the
72 MFA Board of Directors, is a member of MLA, and is a member of the
73 Green County Board of Supervisors; and

74 WHEREAS, their love of and passion for what they do is
75 evident in their work each day. By placing a high emphasis on
76 safety, focusing on Best Management Practices for each of their
77 jobs, and having a successful business model, even in a time when
78 it is difficult to be a successful and profitable logging
79 operation, D&R Logging has earned their spot as the 2022 MFA
80 "Loggers of the Year"; and

81 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we join the logging
82 industry in Southeast Mississippi and the citizens of Greene
83 County in recognizing these hard-working Mississippi citizens who
84 have brought honor to their business, their community and to the
85 State of Mississippi:

86 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
87 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby extend the congratulations of the
88 Mississippi Senate to Randy McInnis and David Harvison of
89 Timberline Trucking/D&R Logging in Leakesville, Mississippi, in
90 recognition of being selected as the Mississippi Forestry
91 Association's 2022 "Loggers of the Year" and offer our best wishes
92 on this memorable occasion.



93 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
94 Randy and David, forwarded to the Mississippi Forestry Association
95 and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

