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Whereas, Indiana's hardwood industry has a worldwide reputation for growing, managing, and producing high quality hardwood trees and products;

Whereas, There are over 4.7 million acres of forest land in Indiana, and this acreage has increased by more than 40,000 acres since 1998, representing 20 percent of Indiana's land base;

Whereas, Forest resources have been a staple of the state's economy since its beginning, sustaining businesses, families, and rural communities;

Whereas, The Indiana Hardwood Lumbermen's Association has been in continuous existence since 1898, and the industry employs over 35,000 people with an additional 86,000 jobs generated in economic sectors supported by the hardwood industry;

Whereas, In 2010 the hardwood industry had a \$16.6 billion annual economic impact with sawtimber growth volume exceeding harvest levels annually;

Whereas, Indiana's forests are certified as sustainable by both the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) and the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), assuring customers globally that Indiana manages its forests in an environmentally



responsible and sustainable manner;

Whereas, With 86 percent of its forests privately owned, Indiana is a leading producer of wood office furniture, manufactured homes, wood cabinets, wooden caskets and coffins, and hardwood plywood products; and

Whereas, Hardwoods are the largest component of Indiana's agricultural economy in terms of jobs, wages, and economic impact, and the industry has long been known for its careful and sustainable stewardship of the state's forest resources through continuing principles of sustainable forestry: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly wishes to
- 2 recognize the impact the hardwood industry has on Indiana's economy.
- 3 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 4 Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to the Indiana
- 5 Hardwood Lumbermen's Association.

