

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE RESOLUTION

## No. 160 Session of 1996

INTRODUCED BY MADIGAN, MUSTO, PETERSON, STAPLETON, WENGER,  
CORMAN, AFFLERBACH, HELFRICK, ROBBINS, SCHWARTZ, RHOADES,  
HART, SALVATORE, TOMLINSON AND HECKLER, NOVEMBER 19, 1996

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, NOVEMBER 19, 1996

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Pennsylvania's forest products industry and the  
2 Sustainable Forestry Initiative.

3 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth has a rich natural bounty of more  
4 than 17 million acres of renewable hardwood forest land; and  
5 WHEREAS, This vast forest resource has been a staple  
6 component of this nation's and this Commonwealth's economy since  
7 the founding of America and has sustained businesses, families  
8 and entire rural communities; and

9 WHEREAS, Through the generations, Pennsylvania's forest  
10 products industry has grown to represent this Commonwealth's  
11 fourth largest manufacturing sector, with more than 2,200  
12 employers and 90,000 employees; and

13 WHEREAS, The forest products industry relies on the forest  
14 resource to make this Commonwealth the number one producer of  
15 hardwood-based material and to meet the public's increasing  
16 demand for wood and wood-related products; and

17 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania forest products industry, in

1 recognition of its stewardship responsibilities in nurturing the  
2 forest resource, has committed itself to the continuing  
3 principles of sustainable forestry by initiating the Sustainable  
4 Forestry Initiative to promote, educate, train and monitor  
5 adherence to sustaining the forest resource for future  
6 generations; and

7 WHEREAS, The Sustainable Forestry Initiative is based on the  
8 responsible environmental stewardship of the forests, water  
9 resources and wildlife; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Senate commend Pennsylvania's forest  
11 products industry for its history of care and commitment to the  
12 responsible use of resources; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the development of  
14 Sustainable Forestry Initiative, which has educated landowners,  
15 foresters and loggers about the sustainability of Pennsylvania's  
16 forests; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate endorse the Sustainable Forestry  
18 Initiative and its self-regulatory objectives of increasing  
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22 landowners and resource agencies embrace and support the  
23 objectives of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative in this  
24 Commonwealth.

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

## No. 480 Session of 1996

INTRODUCED BY LYNCH, ZUG, HUTCHINSON, JADLOWIEC AND EGOLF,  
NOVEMBER 25, 1996

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
NOVEMBER 25, 1996

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# Senate of Pennsylvania



HARRISBURG, PA

In the Senate, June 3, 2015

Whereas, In October 1994, the American Forest & Paper Association (AF&PA) announced a landmark program for its membership, the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI); and

Whereas, The Pennsylvania SFI Implementation Committee (SIC) was formed in 1995 and began meeting monthly in State College; and

Whereas, It was quickly decided that the Hardwood Lumber Manufacturers Association of Pennsylvania, which is now the Pennsylvania Forest Products Association, would house and provide administrative support to the newly formed SIC; and

Whereas, The guidelines required that AF&PA members practice sustainable forestry on their own lands and educate loggers and nonindustrial landowners on sustainable forestry; and

Whereas, The development of the SFI program in this Commonwealth was challenging since the majority of private forestland in this Commonwealth is owned by more than 500,000 nonindustrial private forest landowners; and

Whereas, The early focus of the SIC was the establishment of a logger training program, educational outreach to landowners and the public and the development of a Best Management Practices (BMP) monitoring system for measuring success; and

Whereas, More than 7,000 individuals have participated in the logger program over the last 20 years, with approximately 700 participants maintaining a current training status each year and some loggers having completed more than 100 hours of total training; and

Whereas, Over 26,000 landowner outreach packets have been distributed, and the information in the outreach packets is accessible to a wider audience through the SFI website; and

Whereas, The benefits of the training program were further recognized and bolstered when the Bureau of Forestry adopted a policy in 2007 that required all commercial timber harvesting activities on the Commonwealth's 2.2 million acres of forestland to be led by an SFI trained logger; and

Whereas, More recently, the Pennsylvania Game Commission has also recognized the benefits of the training program and encourages its loggers to also participate; and

Whereas, People of all ages and backgrounds from across the United States and Canada came together last month to break the Guinness World Record for the most trees planted in one hour by small teams; and

Whereas, Organized by the national SFI, more than 200,000 trees were planted simultaneously in 28 different communities; and

Whereas, Two groups of representatives from the forest products industry, the Bureau of Forestry and other groups were part of the Pennsylvania effort, which included 45 planters and 3,957 trees planted in the Moshannon State Forest and 56 planters and 3,366 trees planted in the Tuscarora State Forest; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senate designate June 5, 2015, as "PA Sustainable Forestry Initiative Day" in Pennsylvania.

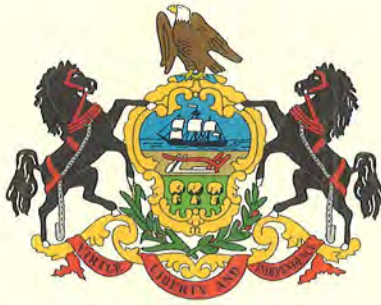
I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution No. 144, introduced by Senators Scott E. Hutchinson, Stewart J. Greenleaf, Don White, Christine M. Fartaglione, Gene Yaw and Jay Costa, and adopted by the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania the third day of June, in the year of our Lord, two thousand fifteen.

Attest:

  
Megan Considine, Secretary



# House of Representatives



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER

*In the House, June 8, 2015*

*Whereas, In October 1994, the American Forest & Paper Association (AF&PA) announced a landmark program for its membership, the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI); and*

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*Whereas, The guidelines required that AF&PA members practice sustainable forestry on their own lands and educate loggers and nonindustrial landowners on sustainable forestry; and*

*Whereas, Given that the majority of private forestland in this Commonwealth is owned by more than one-half million nonindustrial private forest landowners, it was a challenge to develop the SFI program; and*

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*I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 375, introduced by Rapp, Causer, Dush, Gabler, Sankey, Sonney, Baker, Millard, Readshaw, Digirolamo, Kirkland, Cohen, Vereb, Farina, Harhart, Boback, A. Harris, Rozzi, Wheeland, Hennessey, Murt, Irvin, Grove, Thomas, Gibbons, Everett, Jozwiak, Youngblood, Zimmerman, Watson, Donatucci and O'Neill.*



*Mike Turzai*  
Mike Turzai, Speaker