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8 CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF WILLIAM DWIGHT
9 HARRIGAN, II.

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11 WHEREAS, with the highest respect and reverence, we
12 recognize the outstanding life and legacy of William Dwight
13 Harrigan, II, of Fulton, Alabama, who passed away February 28,
14 2016, at the age of 78; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Harrigan's passing leaves a great void
16 in the lives of his family, friends, and indeed, the entire
17 forest products industry where Mr. Harrigan was held in
18 highest regard by hundreds of people who knew him and his
19 family, many of whom were employed at his businesses in the
20 area; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Harrigan's leadership within the
22 Alabama Forestry Association as its Treasurer and President
23 provided invaluable guidance to the Association in its early
24 years and led to its foundational principles of limited
25 government, promotion of free markets, protection of private
26 property rights, and adherence to the rule of law, as well, as

1 being a recipient of its Lifetime Achievement Award and
2 Alabama Forest Leader of the Year; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Harrigan spent his childhood in Fulton,
4 and then attended Georgetown Preparatory School in Maryland;
5 after a year at The University of Alabama, he transferred to
6 the University of Southern Mississippi and graduated with a
7 degree in Business in 1963; he was a member of Delta Kappa
8 Epsilon Fraternity; in 1963, Mr. Harrigan was employed by
9 Scotch Lumber Company of Fulton, a family business that dates
10 back to the late 1800s; and

11 WHEREAS, following in the footsteps of his
12 grandfather and father, Dwight became Mill Manager and then
13 President and CEO of Scotch; he played a key role in the
14 growth and expansion of the company for many years, first
15 adding Scotch Plywood, his personal company, Harrigan Lumber
16 Company in Monroeville, Alabama, and later Scotch Land
17 Management, LLC; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Harrigan's interest in education and
19 desire to help his fellow man led him to serve in many
20 capacities and lend financial support to various education
21 institutions; these include The University of Alabama, Auburn
22 University, University of Southern Mississippi, Springhill
23 College, University of Mobile, Bellingrath Gardens, Forest
24 History Society, Georgetown Prep School, Clarke Prep School,
25 and Monroe Academy; he also gave humanitarian service and was
26 a benefactor to Providence Hospital, UAB Children's Hospital,

1 USA Children's and Women's Hospital, Grove Hill Memorial
2 Hospital, Catholic Charities, Alabama Forestry Foundation,
3 Thomasville Civic Center, United Way and others and was a
4 lifetime Parishioner of Sacred Heart Catholic Parish and a
5 Christ the King Medal recipient from the Archdiocese of
6 Mobile; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Harrigan loved the outdoors, was an
8 avid hunter, fisherman, and conservationist and cherished the
9 good times spent at his hunting lodge with friends and family;
10 he will always be remembered for his wit, humility,
11 generosity, and kindness to so many; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Harrigan is survived by his beloved
13 wife of 50 years, Virginia Sojourner Harrigan; their three
14 sons, William Dwight Harrigan, III (Susan) of Grove Hill,
15 Alabama, Jeffrey Boyd Harrigan of Grove Hill, and John Patrick
16 Harrigan (Michelle) of Monroeville, Alabama; five
17 grandchildren, Andrew Boyd Harrigan, Caitlin Elizabeth
18 Harrigan, William McClinton Harrigan, Virginia Ann Harrigan,
19 and Elle Michael Harrigan; one sister, Kay Harrigan Woods;
20 nieces, Dorine Woods Towle and Alexis Woods; and nephew,
21 Montgomery Woods; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Harrigan was a highly valued member of
23 the State of Alabama and his community, and although his
24 presence is greatly missed, his memory is cherished and lives
25 on in the hearts and minds of his family and all those who
26 were fortunate enough to have known him; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That as we grieve the death of Mr.
3 W. Dwight Harrigan II, we are extremely grateful for his
4 abundant life and outstanding contribution to the forest
5 industry in the state, to the employment of hundreds of
6 Alabamians at his various companies, and we offer this
7 resolution in highest tribute to his inspiring legacy, as well
8 as our heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends.