

Honorable Torrey C. Brown, Secretary of Natural Resources, Tawes State Office Building, Annapolis, Md. 21401; the Honorable Joanne T. Goldsmith, President of the State Board of Education, 200 W. Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Md. 21201; and the Honorable David W. Hornbeck, State Superintendent of Schools, 200 W. Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Md. 21201.

Signed May 15, 1984.

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No. 5

(Senate Joint Resolution No. 13)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

The Year of the Forest

FOR the purpose of requesting the Governor to designate 1984 "The Year of the Forest" to promote the economic and aesthetic value of Maryland's forests and encourage conservation.

WHEREAS, Maryland's forests are valuable economic assets and are important to both the State Forest Products Industry and the Tourist Industry; and

WHEREAS, Maryland's forests provide outstanding scenic and recreational opportunities for many activities including hiking, camping, hunting, sightseeing, snowmobiling, and skiing; and

WHEREAS, Maryland's forests provide excellent food and shelter for many species of wildlife; and

WHEREAS, Maryland's forests have become an important alternative energy source providing wood fuel for both residential and industrial use; and

WHEREAS, Maryland's forests are important to the State's water supplies and the quality of the Chesapeake Bay; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland Tree Farm Committee and the Maryland Forest Association are working to expand public awareness of this valuable asset through educational programs and activities; and

WHEREAS, Forest management is recognized as a desirable means of protecting and enhancing the forest resource; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day will be celebrated with a number of activities across the State that relate to tree planting and forest conservation; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly believes that these activities and programs are vital to the future of the State's forest resources; now, therefore, be it