

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 448**

**WHEREAS,** The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the team members of the Stephen F. Austin State University Sylvans for their outstanding achievement in winning the 66th Annual Association of Southern Forestry Clubs Conclave; and

**WHEREAS,** Founded in 1946, the Stephen F. Austin State University Sylvans are a social forestry club for students that has a long and distinguished history of excellence in the practice of forestry; the Sylvans were a founding member of the Association of Southern Forestry Clubs in 1958, and today, the club continues to promote forestry education and takes part in competitions of forestry skills and knowledge; and

**WHEREAS,** The Sylvans' victory at the 66th Annual Conclave marks their 19th overall title and extends their winning streak to seven consecutive conclaves, tying the record for the longest streak in the event's history; and

**WHEREAS,** Competing against 13 universities in rigorous technical and physical forestry-related events, the Sylvans secured first place in physical events and fourth place in technical events, earning a total of 263.5 points to claim the championship; and

**WHEREAS,** Among the Sylvans' many outstanding performances, a record-setting achievement in the women's crosscut event by Holly Parkin and Maddie Sweeten with a time of 4.69 seconds stands as a testament to the team's dedication and skill; and

**WHEREAS,** The team's success is further highlighted by numerous first-place finishes, including in such categories as men's log chop, chain throw, pole climb, men's bowsaw, Jack and Jill crosscut, archery, and knife throw, demonstrating their dominance in the competition; and

**WHEREAS,** The team's journey to the 66th Annual Conclave was marked by perseverance and camaraderie, and team members overcame challenges such as adverse weather conditions and extensive travel to embody the resilient spirit of Texas forestry professionals; and

**WHEREAS,** The Sylvans continue to bring great honor to Stephen F. Austin State University and the State of Texas through their competitive success and their commitment to excellence in the practice of forestry; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby commend the team members of the Stephen F. Austin State University Sylvans for their remarkable achievements and extend to all congratulations on their victory at the 66th Annual Association of Southern Forestry Clubs Conclave; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the team as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 30, 2025.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate