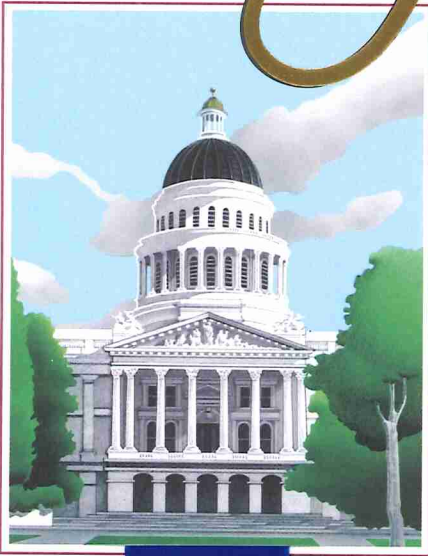


Assembly



RESOLUTION

By the Honorable Das Williams, 37th Assembly District; and the Honorable Hannah-Beth Jackson, 19th Senatorial District; Relative to

Limoneira Company

Whereas, In recognition of its successful integration of pest management and sustainability into the tight ag-urban interface in Ventura County and its dedication to whole farm sustainability, Limoneira Company will be honored by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation as an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Innovator Award recipient during an awards ceremony on March 14, 2013, and therefore, is deserving of special public commendations; and

Whereas, The Department of Pesticide Regulation's IPM Innovator awards honor California organizations that emphasize pest prevention, favor least-hazardous pest management, and share their successful strategies with others, and these prestigious awards provide rare public recognition to such individuals and organizations, such as Limoneira Company, who are quietly revolutionizing pest management through their efforts to reduce risks associated with pesticide use; and

Whereas, Established in 1893, Limoneira Company is an agribusiness based in Santa Paula, where its founders were pioneers of spirit and vision that helped lay the foundations of a thriving California citrus industry, and their dedication and innovation in the agricultural industry helped found and develop many institutions that still exist, among these Sunkist Growers, Fruit Growers Supply, and Diamond Walnut; and

Whereas, With approximately 8,000 acres of agricultural production, Limoneira is one of the largest providers of lemons and avocados in the United States, and as an environmentally responsible corporate citizen, the company has used IPM as part of its whole farm sustainability initiative for several decades; and

Whereas, Limoneira's IPM program includes pest scouting and monitoring; planting pest-resistant citrus and avocado varieties; raising beneficial insects; using mulch to suppress weeds and insects that lay eggs in soil; skirt pruning to control snails and brown rot; applying softer pesticides; planting native vegetation to keep dust down; and practicing water management to reduce incidence of fungal diseases; and


Whereas, Limoneira has also partnered with Agromin to convert green waste into mulch and compost that are used in its orchards and in the community, and as the owner of several area developments, the company has included landscape and structural IPM strategies in its plans for new developments in Santa Paula and throughout Ventura County; and

Whereas, For more than a century, environmental stewardship and sustainability have been woven into Limoneira Company's fabric, and under the visionary leadership of President and Chief Executive Officer Harold S. Edwards, its strategic investments in water, solar, soil, and IPM have enabled the Company to do well by doing good, thus helping to care for its employees and the communities in which it operates; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by Assembly Member Das Williams and Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson, That Limoneira Company be congratulated on its selection as an Integrated Pest Management Innovator Award recipient by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation, commended on its exemplary contributions to improving the quality of life in Ventura County, and applauded for its exemplary record of environmentally friendly business practices.

Members Resolution No. 374

Dated this 14th day of March, 2013


Honorable Das Williams
37th Assembly District


Honorable Hannah-Beth Jackson
19th Senatorial District

