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### ENDOWMENT HONORS BRUCE R. MILES WITH GIFTS TO UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

#### **U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities, Greenville, SC**

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The U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities (Endowment) today announced actions to honor the legacy of the late Bruce R. Miles, State Forester Emeritus of Texas. The Endowment made contributions to each of Texas' forestry schools – Texas A&M University and Stephen F. Austin State University – both of which boast Bruce R. Miles Endowed Scholarships. Miles was an inaugural member of the Endowment Board of Directors where he served two, three-year terms.

“In the recent passing of Bruce R. Miles of College Station, Texas, the Lone Star State and the nation lost a true forestry hero,” noted Endowment President & CEO Carlton N. Owen. “Bruce was a friend and professional colleague for more than a quarter century. He will always be remembered as a proud ‘adopted’ Texan, a friend to many, and truly the ‘Dean’ of the nation’s State Foresters.”

Born in Kansas, Miles obtained a degree in forestry from Texas A&M. He then “crossed the river” where he finished his studies at Louisiana State University (LSU). He joined the Texas Forest Service upon graduating from LSU and spent the remainder of his career with the agency, capped by a long stint as the 6th State Forester. The “Dean of State Foresters” and a mentor to hundreds, Miles had a quick wit and razor-sharp strategic thinking that will be sorely missed.

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