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3 By Representative Hubbard  
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8 RECOGNIZING THE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION  
9 SERVICE ON ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY.

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11 WHEREAS, in 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt  
12 signed legislation which created the Soil Erosion Service as a  
13 temporary division under the United States Department of the  
14 Interior to deal with the crisis created by widespread erosion  
15 and environmental problems of the Dust Bowl era; and

16 WHEREAS, Hugh Hammond Bennett, called the "Father of  
17 Soil Conservation," was named the first director, and led the  
18 effort to create a national agency to deal with the erosion  
19 problem; and

20 WHEREAS, a new demand for expanded conservation  
21 efforts arose, and on April 27, 1935, President Franklin D.  
22 Roosevelt signed legislation creating the Soil Conservation  
23 Service, under the United States Department of Agriculture, as  
24 the first soil conservation act in the history of any country;  
25 and

1                   WHEREAS, Alabama was the first state to be  
2 completely covered by Conservation Districts that are a branch  
3 of State Government; and

4                   WHEREAS, seventy percent of the land in the United  
5 States and eighty-five percent of the land in Alabama is  
6 privately owned, making stewardship by private landowners  
7 absolutely critical to the health of our nation's environment;  
8 and

9                   WHEREAS, on October 20, 1994, Congress authorized  
10 legislation to change the name of the Soil Conservation  
11 Service to the Natural Resources Conservation Service to  
12 reflect the agency's mission of helping people conserve  
13 natural resources on private land; and

14                   WHEREAS, the Natural Resources Conservation Service  
15 partners with the Alabama Soil and Water Conservation  
16 Committee and Conservation Districts to preserve and protect  
17 soil, water, and related natural resources on private lands in  
18 Alabama; and

19                   WHEREAS, April 27, 2010, marks the 75th Anniversary  
20 of the establishment of the Natural Resources Conservation  
21 Service and the national soil and water conservation movement  
22 in the United States; now therefore,

23                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
24 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we do highly congratulate the  
25 Natural Resources Conservation Service on its 75 years of  
26 conservation legacy of "Helping People Help the Land," and we  
27 direct that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dave

1           White, Chief of the National Resources Conservation Service,  
2           with best wishes in future endeavors.