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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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
24 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, 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.