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3 By Representative Hubbard
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 23-MAR-10

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 RECOGNIZING THE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION
4 SERVICE ON ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY.
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6 WHEREAS, in 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt
7 signed legislation which created the Soil Erosion Service as a
8 temporary division under the United States Department of the
9 Interior to deal with the crisis created by widespread erosion
10 and environmental problems of the Dust Bowl era; and

11 WHEREAS, Hugh Hammond Bennett, called the "Father of
12 Soil Conservation," was named the first director, and led the
13 effort to create a national agency to deal with the erosion
14 problem; and

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

21 WHEREAS, Alabama was the first state to be
22 completely covered by Conservation Districts that are a branch
23 of State Government; and

24 WHEREAS, seventy percent of the land in the United
25 States and eighty-five percent of the land in Alabama is

1 privately owned, making stewardship by private landowners
2 absolutely critical to the health of our nation's environment;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, on October 20, 1994, Congress authorized
5 legislation to change the name of the Soil Conservation
6 Service to the Natural Resources Conservation Service to
7 reflect the agency's mission of helping people conserve
8 natural resources on private land; and

9 WHEREAS, the Natural Resources Conservation Service
10 partners with the Alabama Soil and Water Conservation
11 Committee and Conservation Districts to preserve and protect
12 soil, water, and related natural resources on private lands in
13 Alabama; and

14 WHEREAS, April 27, 2010, marks the 75th Anniversary
15 of the establishment of the Natural Resources Conservation
16 Service and the national soil and water conservation movement
17 in the United States; now therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
19 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we do highly congratulate the
20 Natural Resources Conservation Service on its 75 years of
21 conservation legacy of "Helping People Help the Land," and we
22 direct that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dave
23 White, Chief of the National Resources Conservation Service,
24 with best wishes in future endeavors.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 25-MAR-10.

Greg Pappas
Clerk

Senate

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