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3 By Representatives Sessions, Gaston, Standridge, Givan, Scott,
4 Pringle, Ainsworth, Whorton (I), Daniels, Lee, Chesteen,
5 Holmes (M), Brown, Wingo and Fincher
6 RFD: Rules
7 First Read: 16-APR-15

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF THE YEAR 2015 AS THE
4 INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF SOILS AND SUPPORTING LOCALLY LED SOIL
5 CONSERVATION.
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7 WHEREAS, many of our international partners are
8 designating 2015 as the International Year of Soils; and

9 WHEREAS, soil is vitally important for food security
10 and essential ecosystem functions; and

11 WHEREAS, soil conservation efforts in the United
12 States are often locally led; and

13 WHEREAS, 2015 also marks the 80th anniversary of the
14 signing of the Soil Conservation Act on April 27, 1935; and

15 WHEREAS, soils, as the foundation for agricultural
16 production, essential ecosystem functions, and food security,
17 are key to sustaining life on Earth; and

18 WHEREAS, soils and the science of soils contribute
19 to improved water quality, food safety and security, healthy
20 ecosystems, and human health; and

21 WHEREAS, soil, plant, animal, and human health are
22 intricately linked; now therefore,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
24 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we designate the year 2015 as
25 the International Year of Soils and we encourage the public to

1 participate in activities that celebrate the importance of
2 soils to our current and future well-being.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this body expressly
4 supports the conservation of the nation's soils, through
5 landowner participation in partnership with local soil and
6 water conservation districts in the Conservation Reserve
7 Program, the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, the
8 Conservation Stewardship Program, the Agricultural
9 Conservation Easement Program, and the Regional Conservation
10 Partnership Program as authorized by the Food Security Act of
11 1985, as amended, 16 U.S.C. Section 3801, et seq., and the
12 Small Watershed Rehabilitation Program as authorized by the
13 Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, as amended, 16
14 U.S.C. Section 1001, et seq.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
16 resolution be made available for appropriate presentation.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 21-APR-15.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

30-APR-15

Adopted