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3 By Senator Whatley
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5 First Read: 12-MAY-15

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4 ENROLLED, SJR67,

5 SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF THE YEAR 2015 AS THE
6 INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF SOILS AND SUPPORTING LOCALLY LED SOIL
7 CONSERVATION.

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9 WHEREAS, many of our international partners are
10 designating 2015 as the International Year of Soils; and

11 WHEREAS, soil is vitally important for food security
12 and essential ecosystem functions; and

13 WHEREAS, soil conservation efforts in the United
14 States are often locally led; and

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, soil, plant, animal, and human health are
24 intricately linked; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we designate the year 2015 as the International Year of Soils and we encourage the public to participate in activities that celebrate the importance of soils to our current and future well-being.

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

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

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

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Patrick Harris
Secretary

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House of Representatives

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