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Recognizing 2007 as the year of the 100th Anniversary of the American Society of Agronomy.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. CHAMBLISS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Recognizing 2007 as the year of the 100th Anniversary of the American Society of Agronomy.

Whereas the American Society of Agronomy was founded on December 31, 1907, with Mark A. Carleton as the first President of the Society;

Whereas the American Society of Agronomy is one of the premier scientific societies in the world, as demonstrated by first-class journals, international and regional meetings, and development of a broad range of educational opportunities;

Whereas the science and scholarship of the American Society of Agronomy are mission-directed, and seek to foster exploration and application of agronomic science, with the goal of increasing and disseminating knowledge con-

cerning the nature, use, improvement, and interrelationships of plants, soil, water, and the environment;

Whereas the American Society of Agronomy strives to obtain that goal by promoting effective research, disseminating scientific information, facilitating technology transfer, fostering high standards of education, striving to maintain high standards of ethics, promoting advancements in the agronomy profession, and cooperating with other organizations with similar objectives;

Whereas the American Society of Agronomy significantly contributes to the scientific and technical knowledge necessary to protect and sustain natural resources in the United States;

Whereas the American Society of Agronomy has a critical international role in developing sustainable agricultural management standards for the protection of land resources;

Whereas the mission of the American Society of Agronomy continues to expand, from the development of sustainable production of food, fiber, and forage, to the production of renewable energy and biobased industrial products;

Whereas the American Society of Agronomy certifies a body of professional Certified Crop Advisors and Certified Professional Agronomists who work closely with agricultural producers to develop nutrient management plans that are designed to minimize environmental risk in production agriculture;

Whereas, in industry, extension, and basic research, the American Society of Agronomy has fostered a dedicated professional and scientific community that, in 2007, in-

cludes more than 8,015 members and 13,015 certified crop advisor professionals; and

Whereas the American Society of Agronomy was the parent society that led to the formation of both the Crop Science Society of America and the Soil Science Society of America and later fostered the common overall management of these 3 related societies: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) recognizes 2007 as the 100th anniversary
3 year of the American Society of Agronomy;

4 (2) commends the American Society of Agron-
5 omy for 100 years of dedicated service to advance
6 the science and practice of agronomy; and

7 (3) acknowledges the promise of the American
8 Society of Agronomy to continue to enrich the lives
9 of all citizens, by improving stewardship of the envi-
10 ronment, combating world hunger, and enhancing
11 the quality of life for the next 100 years and beyond.

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