

S. CON. RES. 10

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas many of the international partners of the United States are designating 2015 as the “International Year of Soils”;

Whereas soil is vitally important for food security and essential ecosystem functions;

Whereas soil conservation efforts in the United States are often locally led;

Whereas 2015 also marks the 80th anniversary of the signing of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act (16 U.S.C. 590a et seq.) on April 27, 1935;

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

Whereas soils and the science of soils contribute to improved water quality, food safety and security, healthy ecosystems, and human health; and

Whereas soil, plant, animal, and human health are intricately linked: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*

2 *concurring*), That Congress—

3 (1) supports the designation of 2015 as the

4 “International Year of Soils”;

(2) encourages the public to participate in activities that celebrate the importance of soils to the current and future well-being of the United States; and

(3) supports conservation of the soils of the United States, through—

(A) partnership with local soil and water conservation districts; and

(B) voluntary landowner participation in—

(i) the conservation reserve program established under subchapter B of chapter 1 of subtitle D of title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3831 et seq.);

(ii) the environmental quality incentives program established under chapter 4 of subtitle D of title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa et seq.);

(iii) the conservation stewardship program established under subchapter B of chapter 2 of subtitle D of title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3838D et seq.);

1 (iv) the agricultural conservation ease-
2 ment program established under subtitle H
3 of title XII of the Food Security Act of
4 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3865 et seq.);

5 (v) the regional conservation partner-
6 ship program established under subtitle I
7 of title XII of the Food Security Act of
8 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3871 et seq.); and

9 (vi) the small watershed rehabilitation
10 program established under section 14 of
11 the Watershed Protection and Flood Pre-
12 vention Act (16 U.S.C. 1012).

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Attest:

Secretary.

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Supporting the designation of the year of 2015 as the “International Year of Soils” and supporting locally led soil conservation.