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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Soil is a natural resource that supports major
3 economic sectors of our State, including agriculture,
4 forestry, and recreation; and

5 WHEREAS, Healthy soil filters, stores, and releases fresh
6 water; soil management is closely linked to the water quality
7 in our groundwater, lakes, ponds, rivers, and oceans; and

8 WHEREAS, Wetland soils mitigate the effects of major storms
9 and protect our riverine ecosystems; and

10 WHEREAS, Soil is a living ecosystem that provides keys to
11 scientific advances that directly affect human health, such as
12 the development of new medicines; and

13 WHEREAS, Good soil management can prevent damaging
14 erosion, loss of organic matter, soil compaction and
15 degradation of soil structure, thereby sustaining the
16 essential ecosystem functions performed by soils; and

17 WHEREAS, Soil is renewable only on the scale of geologic
18 time, yet it supports the renewable resources upon which
19 Illinois' future depends; and

1 WHEREAS, The Illinois General Assembly previously
2 designated the Drummer soil series as our official State Soil
3 to promote public awareness and education regarding soil
4 resources; and

5 WHEREAS, 2015 has been declared the International Year of
6 Soils by the United Nations General Assembly and has been
7 celebrated by the Soil Science Society of America and many
8 other organizations; and

9 WHEREAS, The International Year of Soils has been
10 memorialized at www.fao.org/soils-2015; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
13 take the opportunity during the International Year of Soils to
14 recognize the essential role of all of Illinois' soils in
15 supporting a thriving Illinois economy, maintaining our strong
16 agricultural base and a healthy environment, and ensuring a
17 sustainable and productive future for the people of Illinois.