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Congratulating the Soil Science Society of America on its 75th anniversary.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 30, 2011

Mr. MORAN (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the Soil Science Society of America on its
75th anniversary.

Whereas the Soil Science Society of America was founded on
November 18, 1936;

Whereas Richard Bradfield served as the first President of
the Soil Science Society of America;

Whereas the Soil Science Society of America was established
during the dust bowl era, a time of extreme soil degrada-
tion;

Whereas since the dust bowl era, the Soil Science Society of
America has continued to provide an understanding of
the sustainable use of soil and the role soil plays in soci-
ety;

Whereas soil is an essential natural resource, and soil profes-
sionals serve a critical role in managing that resource;

Whereas the core purpose of the Soil Science Society of America is to advance soils as fundamental to life;

Whereas the Soil Science Society of America is 1 of the premier scientific societies and is comprised of more than 6,000 members in the United States and internationally, including scientists, practicing professionals, and students;

Whereas soil is a dynamic system that performs many functions and services vital to human activities and ecosystems;

Whereas soil, plant, animal, and human health are intricately linked, and the sustainable use of soil affects climate, water, and air quality, human health, biodiversity, food safety and security, and bioenergy;

Whereas soil faces increasing human-linked threats from contamination, unplanned urban development, desertification, salinization, mismanagement, and erosion;

Whereas the Soil Science Society of America provides the knowledge and tools to ensure sustainable use of soils in support of societal needs, including food and energy security and ecosystem services;

Whereas the Soil Science Society of America promotes the awareness and education of soils to elementary and secondary students, undergraduate and graduate students, practicing professionals, and the public; and

Whereas the Soil Science Society of America promotes effective research, disseminating scientific information, facilitating technology transfer, fostering high standards of education, maintaining high standards of ethics, promoting advancements in the soils profession, and cooper-

ating with other organizations with similar objectives:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) congratulates the Soil Science Society of
3 America on its 75th anniversary;

4 (2) commends the Soil Science Society of Amer-
5 ica for its dedicated service to advance the science
6 and management of soil; and

7 (3) supports the promise of the Soil Science So-
8 ciety of America to continue to enrich the lives of all
9 people of the United States by improving steward-
10 ship of the environment, combating world hunger,
11 and enhancing the quality of life for the future.

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