

By Representative Crady

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution declaring 1999 to be the Year of
3 the Soil Survey Centennial.

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5 WHEREAS, soil is an important natural resource that is
6 limited, fragile, alive, and diverse, and has several
7 important functions, including food production and carbon
8 sequestration, making it a national resource of critical
9 importance that is often taken for granted or overlooked, and

10 WHEREAS, inasmuch as understanding soil is vital to
11 good management and to building resources for the future, it
12 is a wise investment to maintain and improve our knowledge of
13 soils, and

14 WHEREAS, each state in the United States has selected a
15 state soil, with 15 states establishing their state soil by
16 legislation, including Florida, which established Myakka fine
17 sand as its official state soil in 1989, and

18 WHEREAS, the first United States soil survey operations
19 began in the summer of 1899, and

20 WHEREAS, soil surveys provide an unbiased,
21 science-based, technical foundation for federal legislation
22 such as the Farm Bill, and for state and federal legislation
23 on a wide range of issues such as taxation, septic tank
24 absorption fields, wetlands, land application of waste, and
25 identification of potential environmental problem areas, thus
26 having tremendous public value, and

27 WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature supported and funded
28 the Accelerated Soil Survey of Florida for some 20 years, and

29 WHEREAS, in 1999 the soil survey program will be 100
30 years old, NOW, THEREFORE,

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1 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
2 Florida:

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4 That 1999 is declared to be the Year of the Soil Survey
5 Centennial.

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