

## House Resolution 60

By: Representatives McCall of the 33<sup>rd</sup>, Burns of the 159<sup>th</sup>, Smith of the 70<sup>th</sup>, and Harden of the 148<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Georgia's Soil and Water Conservation Districts on the  
2 occasion of their 75th anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Soil and Water Conservation Districts of Georgia were formed to protect,  
4 conserve, and improve the soil and water resources of the State of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, on March 26, 1937, Governor E.D. Rivers signed the Soil Conservation  
6 Districts Law aimed at preventing soil erosion that threatened the economic prosperity of the  
7 state; and

8 WHEREAS, the Coosa River District on September 13, 1937, became the first conservation  
9 district to be formed in Georgia and the second in the nation to be recognized; and

10 WHEREAS, the Georgia Association of Conservation District Supervisors was established  
11 in 1943 to support the efforts of Georgia's soil and water conservation districts; and

12 WHEREAS, the conservation districts have progressed from being predominantly concerned  
13 about soil erosion on agricultural land to today being involved with erosion control on urban  
14 lands, the education of citizens now unfamiliar with agricultural issues, and with the help of  
15 local leadership and private landowners, addressing water concerns through conservation  
16 efforts; and

17 WHEREAS, now the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission (GSWCC) led by  
18 five commissioners appointed by the Governor are working to serve and advance the goals  
19 of Georgia's Soil and Water Conservation Districts; and

20 WHEREAS, the GSWCC'S goal is to make Georgia a better place for its citizens through the  
21 wise use and protection of basic soil and water resources and to achieve practical water  
22 quality goals; and

23 WHEREAS, there are now 40 Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Georgia with 370  
24 district supervisors who serve their local communities without compensation; and

25 WHEREAS, the conservation districts serve as the local conduit to federal agricultural  
26 funding that provides the means to implement the best management practices of the abundant  
27 natural resources of Georgia; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to recognize the 75th anniversary of Georgia's  
29 Soil and Water Conservation Districts for their accomplishments and future goals of  
30 improving water quality, watershed dam functionality, and today's natural resources.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
32 the members of this body commend Georgia's Soil and Water Conservation Districts on their  
33 75th anniversary.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Georgia's Soil and Water  
36 Conservation Districts.