MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1273
(As Passed the House)

HEN BILL NO. 1273
(As Passed the House)

AN ACT DESIGNATING NATCHEZ SILT LOAM AS THE OFFICIAL STATE
SOIL; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, it appears that each of a growing number of states
of the United States, having significant concern for soil, have by
legislative enactment chosen a particular soil as their official
state soil; and

WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi has significant concern for
its soil resources; and

WHEREAS, soils enhance the quality of surface and ground
waters and serve as the foundation for our bountiful agriculture,
our unique wildlife habitats, our beautiful landscapes and the
homes and communities of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, soils are essential to the quality of life and
welfare of all Mississippians; and

WHEREAS, Natchez silt loam (a coarse-silty, mixed,
superactive, thermic, Typic Eutrudepts) covers a significant land
area in Mississippi and is a highly productive agricultural soil;
and

WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi has yet to designate a
state soil; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1. Natchez silt loam (coarse-silty, mixed,
superactive, thermic, Typic Eutrudepts) is hereby designated as
the official state soil of Mississippi.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
and after its passage.