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To: Agriculture

HOUSE BILL NO. 1273  
 (As Passed the House)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

