

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
1987 SESSION  
RATIFIED BILL

RESOLUTION 31  
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 843

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING HUGH HAMMOND BENNETT, THE FATHER OF SOIL CONSERVATION, AND COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BROWN CREEK SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT.

Whereas, Hugh Hammond Bennett was born on April 14, 1881, near Wadesboro, North Carolina; died on July 7, 1960; and was buried in Arlington National Cemetery; and

Whereas, Hugh Hammond Bennett was the leader of the movement to create a national organization to address the problems of soil erosion; and

Whereas, the leadership of Hugh Hammond Bennett and others in this movement led to the enactment of the Soil Conservation Service Act in 1935 and the creation of the Soil Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture; and

Whereas, there was implemented as a result of this movement a system of soil and water conservation districts to encourage and promote better soil and water conservation practices; and

Whereas, the Brown Creek Soil and Water Conservation District was created on August 4, 1937, and is the first such district created in the nation; and

Whereas, the Brown Creek Soil and Water Conservation District and other soil and water conservation districts have tapped and utilized the talents, knowledge, skills, and abilities of local citizens to implement and direct and educate others on soil conservation practices and techniques within the community; and

Whereas, the soil and water conservation district movement represents over 3,000 conservation districts covering nearly all of the United States and over 17,000 volunteers who dedicate their time, services, and skills as soil and water conservation district supervisors; and

Whereas, the Brown Creek Soil and Water Conservation District and the soil and water conservation district movement will be 50 years old August 4, 1987;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

Section 1. The General Assembly honors the life and memory of Hugh Hammond Bennett, the father of soil conservation, by commemorating August 4, 1987, as the 50th Anniversary of the establishment of the Brown Creek Soil and Water Conservation District, the first such district in the nation. The General Assembly expresses its gratitude for Hugh Hammond Bennett's leadership in the soil and water conservation district movement and for the efforts of the Brown Creek Soil and Water Conservation District and similar districts in this State and nationwide during the past 50 years in encouraging and promoting more efficient, advanced, and sound soil and water conservation practices. This resolution is hereby proclaimed to all soil and water conservation districts in North Carolina.

Sec. 2. The Secretary of State shall send a certified copy of this resolution to the family of the late Hugh Hammond Bennett and to the chairman of the Brown Creek Soil and Water Conservation District.

Sec. 3. This resolution is effective upon ratification.

1987. In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 19th day of June,

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Robert B. Jordan III  
President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives