## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 103

## BY SENATORS THOMPSON AND WALSWORTH

## A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate April 27, 2014, through May 4, 2014, as "Soil and Water Stewardship Week" at the Louisiana Legislature.

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the Legislature of Louisiana designates the week of April 27, 2014, through the week of May 4, 2014, as "Soil and Water Stewardship Week" at the Louisiana Legislature and urges all Louisiana citizens to recognize and honor the significance of our soil and water resources; and

WHEREAS, the landscape of Louisiana reflects productive farm and grasslands, stately forests, meandering streams and bayous, thriving wetlands, abundant wildlife, and rural and urban communities; and

WHEREAS, the air we breathe, the water we drink, the soil from which we grow our food, fiber, and forest products, and the diverse habitat supporting a myriad of wildlife, all contribute to Louisiana's quality of life and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, soil and water are two of the most essential natural resources, and the quality of life for all of our citizens depends on wise stewardship of our soil and water resources; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture, natural resources conservation service, the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission, and local soil and water conservation districts work in partnership to help Louisiana's private landowners and managers conserve and protect soil, water, and our other natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana's forty-four soil and water conservation districts, administered by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, office of soil and water conservation, work hand-in-hand with the United States Department of Agriculture, natural resources conservation service to deliver conservation programs to private landowners and managers and educate citizens of all ages about conserving soil and water resources.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana fully appreciates the value of soil and water resources to the citizens of Louisiana, and desiring to honor those

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who protect it, does hereby proclaim April 27 through May 4, 2014, as "Soil and Water Stewardship Week" at the Louisiana Legislature, urging our citizens to recognize the significance of our soil and water resources, commending our conservation partnership in their efforts to help citizens preserve these resources for future generations to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES