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**RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE**

WHEREAS, the US Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is a significant contributor to the restoration and maintenance of habitat on private lands essential to sustain our Nation's fish and wildlife resources; and

WHEREAS, the NRCS was established as the Soil Conservation Service in the Department of Agriculture in 1935 to assist farmers, ranchers, and other landowners in protecting soil and water resources on private lands; and

WHEREAS, today the NRCS continues to provide a vital public service by supplying technical expertise and financial assistance to cooperating private landowners for the conservation of soil, water, forest, and fish and wildlife resources; and

WHEREAS, the NRCS encourages and works with landowners and land users to adopt conservation practices and technologies in a voluntary manner to address natural resource concerns; and

WHEREAS, the NRCS continues to work in partnership with State fish and wildlife agencies to achieve mutual conservation objectives and to deliver biological technical assistance to private landowners and operators; and

WHEREAS, the NRCS, as authorized by Congress, has developed and provided land conservation programs that have resulted in the restoration and preservation of millions of acres of wetlands, forests, and grasslands that provide innumerable benefits to the general public and to the health of our Nation's ecosystems in the form of recreational opportunities, fish and wildlife habitat, improved water quality, and reduced soil erosion; and

WHEREAS, the NRCS will achieve its 75th Anniversary in 2010;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies recognizes the valuable accomplishments of the Natural Resources Conservation Service over the past 75 years and that the Association commends the Natural Resources Conservation Service for services it provides to the United States by helping farmers, ranchers, forest landowners and others to protect soil, water, and fish, wildlife and their habitats as well as other natural resources.

Resolution submitted by the Agricultural Conservation Committee with recommendation that it be passed.