

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 833 Session of 2009

INTRODUCED BY COX, CREIGHTON, FLECK, HENNESSEY, JOSEPHS, MURT, ROHRER, SIPTROTH, SWANGER, J. TAYLOR AND YOUNGBLOOD, MARCH 10, 2009

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 10, 2009

AN ACT

1 Selecting, designating and adopting the Hazleton soil series as
2 the official soil of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, A growing number of states, having significant
4 concerns for valuable soil resources, have each chosen a unique
5 soil series as their official state soil; and

6 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has a significant concern for its own
7 soil resources and takes pride in its natural resources; and

8 WHEREAS, Soils serve as the foundation for Pennsylvania's
9 forests, agriculture, pasture lands, our unique wildlife
10 habitats, our beautiful landscapes and our homes and
11 communities; and

12 WHEREAS, The Hazleton soils are named for soils located near
13 the City of Hazleton, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, and account
14 for over one and a half million acres of soils throughout the
15 State; and

16 WHEREAS, The Hazleton soils occur in half the counties in
17 Pennsylvania and are used for woodlands, croplands and pasture

1 lands; and

2 WHEREAS, The Hazleton soils support a natural ecosystem,
3 which is home to the State bird, tree, animal and flower; and

4 WHEREAS, Designating the Hazleton soil series as the State
5 soil would recognize the importance of this soil to the natural
6 history and economy of Penn's Woods; therefore

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Official State soil.

10 The Hazleton soil series is hereby selected, designated and
11 adopted as the official soil of the Commonwealth of
12 Pennsylvania.

13 Section 2. Effective date.

14 This act shall take effect immediately.