

House Concurrent Resolution No. 8

91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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2 **Whereas**, the Menfro soil series was established in Missouri in Perry County and
3 is named for the town of Menfro where it was first described and mapped. Menfro soils are very
4 deep, well-drained soils formed in layers of silt loam and silty clay loam; and

5 **Whereas**, over a million acres of Missouri soil in more than forty counties have been
6 identified as Menfro soil. The Menfro soil series consists of soils formed on wooded upland
7 slopes along the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers and their major tributaries; and

8 **Whereas**, the current State Capitol, Governor's Mansion, the original State Capitol
9 in St. Charles, the Daniel Boone burial site, and much of the upland areas of Kansas City, St.
10 Louis, Jefferson City, Hermann, Hannibal, and Cape Girardeau are located on Menfro soil; and

11 **Whereas**, the major land uses of Menfro soils are agriculture and woodland
12 productivity. The main agricultural enterprises grown on Menfro soil are feed grains and forages
13 for livestock, grape vineyards, orchards, and other fruit and vegetable crops; and

14 **Whereas**, in appreciation for this resource and its value in our economy and
15 environment, the state of Missouri should publicly recognize the importance of soils to our state
16 and encourage educators and other science professionals to teach about soil as a natural resource:

17 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
18 Representatives of the Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
concurring therein, hereby designate "Menfro soil" as the official state soil of Missouri.