

House Bill 1443

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to state symbols, so as to designate Georgia red clay as Georgia's official dirt; to  
3 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Georgia is well known for its abundance of Georgia red clay which is not only  
5 the predominant soil of the state but also an important cultural icon; and

6 WHEREAS, Georgia red clay has been celebrated in verse, song, and prose, including  
7 Margaret Mitchell's *Gone with the Wind*, and lamented by generations of struggling Georgia  
8 dirt farmers growing their crops and by diligent mothers attempting to keep their children's  
9 play clothes clean; and

10 WHEREAS, Georgia red clay's origin began as the towering Appalachians were formed  
11 producing the red iron oxide soil lovingly known to Georgians as Georgia red clay; and

12 WHEREAS, As Georgia's characteristic red soil has added immeasurably to the cultural,  
13 economic, and social development of Georgia, it is only fitting that Georgia red clay be  
14 recognized as Georgia's official dirt.

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

16 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

17 Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state  
18 symbols, is amended by adding at the end thereof a new Code Section 50-3-82 to read as  
19 follows:

20 "50-3-82.

21 Georgia red clay is designated as Georgia's official dirt."

1 **SECTION 2.**

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.