

1 HJR231  
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3 By Representative Wren  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 03-APR-07

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE "25 BY 25" INITIATIVE.  
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5 WHEREAS, "25 by 25" is a renewable energy initiative  
6 proposing that America's agricultural and forestry sectors  
7 produce 25 percent of the nation's energy requirements from  
8 renewable resources by the year 2025 while continuing to  
9 produce abundant and safe food and fiber; and

10 WHEREAS, the presence of an affordable, reliable,  
11 and plentiful energy supply is critical for our state and  
12 national economy and the national and international food  
13 supply; and

14 WHEREAS, current and future risks to the nation's  
15 energy security are mounting while global energy demands are  
16 growing exponentially; and

17 WHEREAS, Alabama's farms and forests through the use  
18 of new and appropriate technological innovations, incentives,  
19 and investments can become the future sources for a new  
20 generation of fuels to help meet the state's and nation's  
21 energy needs; and

22 WHEREAS, the development of a broad spectrum of  
23 renewable energy sources, including but not limited to wind  
24 power, biodiesel, biomass, methane digesters, ethanol, and  
25 solar, would be beneficial to both farmers and the rural

1 communities by: establishing additional markets for  
2 agricultural commodities; increasing farm income; creating  
3 added-value use for crops; developing new products from  
4 livestock byproducts; improving the productive use of marginal  
5 lands; resolving air, water, and soil quality problems that  
6 may arise from agricultural operations; improving wildlife  
7 habitat; and creating many new job opportunities, and

8 WHEREAS, agriculture's and forestry's role as an  
9 energy producer will have a positive effect on national  
10 security and United States trade imbalances and will serve as  
11 a catalyst for rural development in Alabama; now therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
13 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby express our support  
14 of the "25 by 25" renewable energy initiative that America's  
15 agricultural and forestry sectors provide 25 percent of the  
16 nation's energy needs by the year 2025 while they continue to  
17 produce abundant, safe, and affordable food and fiber.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
and was adopted by the House 05-APR-07.

Greg Pappas  
Clerk

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Senate

07-JUN-07

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