

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6

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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
MONTANA SUPPORTING THE "25 X 25" INITIATIVE TO INCREASE PRODUCTION OF RENEWABLE
ENERGY BY THE AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS, having an affordable, clean, reliable, and plentiful energy supply is critical to Montana's
economy, as well as the national and international food supply; and

WHEREAS, current and future risks to national energy security are mounting while domestic and global
energy demands are growing exponentially; and

WHEREAS, Montana and the United States have tremendous renewable energy resources; and

WHEREAS, the development of a broad spectrum of renewable energy resources, including wind power,
biofuels, biomass, methane digesters, ethanol, and solar, benefit the environment and will have a direct economic
benefit to agricultural landowners and rural communities; and

WHEREAS, rural communities and agriculture will experience multiple benefits, including establishing
additional markets for agricultural commodities, increasing farm income, creating added-value uses for crops,
livestock, and their byproducts, encouraging more productive use of marginal lands, resolving air, water, and soil
quality problems that may arise from agricultural operations, improving wildlife habitat, and creating many new
job opportunities; and

WHEREAS, American agriculture is well positioned to play an expanded role in the development and
implementation of new energy solutions and with appropriate technological innovation, incentives, and
investments, America's farms and ranches can become the factories that produce a new generation of fuels to
help meet the nation's energy needs; and

WHEREAS, "25 x 25" is an agriculturally led initiative that envisions America's farms and ranches
producing 25% of America's energy supply by the year 2025 while continuing to produce abundant, safe, and
affordable food and fiber; and

WHEREAS, agriculture's role as an energy producer will have a positive effect on national security and
trade imbalances and will serve as a catalyst for rural development in Montana and the United States; and



