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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 05-1058

101 **CONCERNING SUPPORT FOR THE "25 BY 25" INITIATIVE AND, IN**
102 **CONNECTION THEREWITH, PROMOTING THE INCREASED**
103 **PRODUCTION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY BY THE AGRICULTURAL**
104 **COMMUNITY.**

1 WHEREAS, Having an affordable, reliable, and plentiful energy
2 supply is critical to our economy, as well as our national and international
3 food supply; and

4 WHEREAS, Current and future risks to U.S. energy security are
5 mounting while domestic and global energy demands are growing
6 exponentially; and

7 WHEREAS, Colorado and the West have tremendous renewable
8 energy resources; and

9 WHEREAS, The development of a broad spectrum of renewable
10 energy sources, including wind power, biodiesel, biomass, methane
11 digesters, ethanol, and solar, benefits the environment and will have a

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1 direct economic benefit to agricultural landowners and rural communities;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Rural communities and agriculture sectors will
4 experience multiple benefits, including establishing additional markets for
5 agricultural commodities; increasing farm income; creating added-value
6 uses for crops, livestock, and their byproducts; more productive use of
7 marginal lands; the resolution of air, water, and soil quality problems that
8 may arise from agricultural operations; improving wildlife habitat; and
9 creating many new job opportunities; and

10 WHEREAS, Solar and wind energy can be captured on the vast
11 land areas managed by U.S. agriculture, and technology and production
12 capabilities allow America's farmers and ranchers to play a major role in
13 ensuring a fully sustainable U.S. energy system; and

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

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

24 WHEREAS, Agriculture's role as an energy producer will have a
25 positive effect on national security and trade imbalances, and will serve
26 as a catalyst for rural development in Colorado; now, therefore,

27 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-fifth*
28 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring*
29 *herein:*

30 That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly, support
31 the vision of "25 by 25" whereby agriculture will provide 25% of the total
32 energy consumed in the United States by the year 2025, while continuing
33 to produce abundant, safe, and affordable food and fiber.

34 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be
35 sent to the Colorado Congressional Delegation, the Majority and Minority
36 leaders of the U.S. Senate, the Speaker of the U.S. House of
37 Representatives, the Majority and Minority leaders of the U.S. House of
38 Representatives, and President George W. Bush.