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Senate Resolution

A resolution in support of the "25 by '25" initiative and the increased production of renewable energy by the agricultural community.

WHEREAS, the role of agriculture as an energy producer has the potential to positively influence national security and trade imbalances, and

WHEREAS, an affordable, reliable, and plentiful energy supply is critical to the economy of Florida, which ranks third nationally in total energy consumption and possesses vast resources of renewable energy, and

WHEREAS, the development of a broad spectrum of renewable energy sources, including biodiesel, biomass, methane digesters, and ethanol, is not only immensely beneficial to the environment but also provides multiple benefits to rural communities and agricultural sectors by spawning additional markets for agricultural commodities; increasing farm income; creating added-value uses for crops, livestock, and their byproducts; using marginal lands more productively; resolving air, water, and soil quality problems that often arise from agricultural operations; improving wildlife habitat; and creating new job opportunities, and

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

1 WHEREAS, "25 by '25" is an initiative that envisions
2 American farms and ranches meeting 25 percent of America's
3 energy demand by the year 2025, while continuing to produce
4 abundant, safe, and affordable food and fiber, and

5 WHEREAS, "Farm to Fuel" is an initiative designed to
6 encourage the use of Florida crops and biomass for production
7 of energy for the state's future energy stability, protection
8 of its environment, and continued viability of its agriculture
9 industry, NOW, THEREFORE,

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11 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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13 That the Senate supports the vision of "25 by '25," and
14 encourages the production of renewable energy and fuels by
15 farms and ranches to help meet future energy needs.
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