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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 204

BY REPRESENTATIVE DURAND

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the 25 x '25 organization for its efforts to raise awareness regarding our nation's energy needs.

WHEREAS, leaders from across America's agricultural community have established the 25 x '25 national organization; and

WHEREAS, an affordable, reliable, and plentiful energy supply is critical to the economy of Louisiana and the United States, though traditionally, reliance on foreign nonrenewable energy sources has been high; and

WHEREAS, the stated goal of the 25 x '25 organization is "by the year 2025, America's farms, ranches, and forests will provide twenty-five percent of the total energy consumed in the United States, while continuing to produce safe, abundant, and affordable food, feed, and fiber"; and

WHEREAS, agriculture and forestry has the potential to positively affect our nation's energy supplies and production; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana ranks second nationally in total energy consumption per capita, largely because of our industries which are heavily dependent on natural gas to fuel their production processes; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana's agricultural community also possesses the capability to develop vast renewable resources that have not yet been utilized for energy production; and

WHEREAS, renewable, alternate energy sources benefit not only the environment, but also local communities by creating additional markets for agricultural goods, as well as opportunities for increased employment.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize and commend the 25 x '25 national organization for its vision of alternative energy production and its actions to raise awareness regarding our nation's energy needs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the cochairs of the 25 x '25 steering committee.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE