STATE OF ILLINOIS
NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SENATE

Senate Joint Resolution No. 42

Offered by Senator Demuzio; Senator Cullerton, President of the Senate; and Senators Hutchinson, Sullivan, Bivins, J. Jones, Dahl, McCarter, Radogno, Bomke and Dillard

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

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

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has abundant renewable energy resources; and

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has significant agriculture, business, education, and research resources; and

WHEREAS, The development of a broad spectrum of renewable energy sources, including ethanol, wind, solar, biomass, methane digesters, hydroelectric, biodiesel, and next generation biofuels benefits the environment and will have a direct economic benefit to farmers, rural communities, and businesses throughout Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Rural communities and agriculture sectors will experience multiple benefits, including establishing additional markets for agricultural commodities, increasing farm income, creating value-added uses for crops, livestock, and their byproducts, improving air and water quality, improving wildlife habitat, and adding many traditional and green job opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Wind and solar energy can be captured on the vast land areas in agriculture; technology and production capabilities will allow Illinois to play a major role in ensuring a fully sustainable national energy system; and

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois 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, Illinois farms can produce a new generation of fuels to help meet the nation's energy needs; and

WHEREAS, "25x'25" is an agriculturally led initiative that envisions America's farms and ranches producing twenty-five percent of America's energy demand by the year 2025, while producing a sustainable and abundant supply of 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 and will serve as a catalyst for rural development in Illinois; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING HEREIN, that we support the "25x'25 Vision" and its goal of having agriculture provide renewable energy and safe and affordable food and fiber; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be sent to President Barack Obama, Governor Pat Quinn, the members of the Illinois congressional delegation, and the various agencies and commissions of the State of Illinois.

Adopted by the Senate, April 29, 2009.

John J. Cullerton
President of the Senate

Secretary of the Senate

Concurred in by the House of Representatives, May 30, 2009.

Michael J. Madigan
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Mark Mahoney
Clerk of the House of Representatives

25X'25 ILLINOIS RENEWABLE ENERGY ALLIANCE PARTNERS

Adams County Farm Bureau
Adams County S&WCD
Agracel, Inc
Agricultural Watershed Institute
Association of Illinois S&WC Districts
Barnard's Soil Service
Bauer Power, Inc
BIOFUELS Journal
Biomass Rules LLC
Bond County Farm Bureau
Boomtown Institute
Boone County Farm Bureau
Brown County Farm Bureau
Bureau County Farm Bureau
Carroll County Farm Bureau
Cass-Morgan Farm Bureau
Champaign County Farm Bureau
Christian County Farm Bureau
City of Barry
City of Griggsville
City of Pittsfield
Clark County Farm Bureau
Clay County Farm Bureau
Coles County S&WCD
Community Bankers Association of Illinois
Cook County Farm Bureau
County of Pike
County of Sangamon
County of Scott
County of Warren
Crystal Falls Productions
Cumberland County Farm Bureau
Deere & Company
DeWitt County Farm Bureau
Douglas County Farm Bureau
DuPage County Farm Bureau
EcoAchievers LLC
Economic Development Council for Central Illinois
Edgar County Farm Bureau
Effingham County Farm Bureau
Environmental Law and Policy Center
ePower Synergies Inc
Fayette County Farm Bureau
Fulton County Farm Bureau
Gallatin County Farm Bureau
Great Rivers Economic Development Foundation
Greene County Farm Bureau
Grundy County Farm Bureau
Hancock County Farm Bureau
Henry County Farm Bureau
Illinois Agri-Women
Illinois Association of RC&D Areas
Illinois Association of Regional Councils
Illinois Corn Growers Association
Illinois Grape Growers and Vintners Assn
Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs at Western IL Univ.
Illinois Rural Electric Company
Illinois Soil Testing Association
Illinois Solar Energy Association
Illinois Soybean Association
Illinois State Grange
Illinois State University-Center for Renewable Energy
Indigenous Energy
Jackson County Farm Bureau
Jacksonville Regional Economic Dev't Corporation
Jane Addams Resource Corporation
Jasper County Farm Bureau
Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau
John Wood Community College
K&C Machining
Kankakee County Farm Bureau
Kaskaskia Watershed Association
Kendall County Farm Bureau
LandPro, Inc
Langhauser Assoc.
LaSalle County Farm Bureau
Lincoln Land Community College
Lincoln Land FS
Livingston County Farm Bureau
Logan County Farm Bureau
Macon County Farm Bureau
Macoupin County Farm Bureau
Marion County Farm Bureau
Mason County Farm Bureau
Massac County Farm Bureau
McDonough County Farm Bureau
McHenry County Farm Bureau
McLean County Farm Bureau
Menard County Farm Bureau
Mercer County Farm Bureau
Montgomery County Farm Bureau
Moultrie County Farm Bureau
National Corn-to-Ethanol Research Center (NCERC)
Northwind Resources
Ogle County Farm Bureau
Perry County Farm Bureau
Piatt County Farm Bureau
Pike County S&WCD
Pike County Chamber of Commerce
Pike County Economic Development Corporation
Pike County Farm Bureau
Prairie Hills RC&D
Pulaski-Alexander Farm Bureau
Richland Community College
Rieke Office Interiors
Rock Island County Farm Bureau
Saline County Farm Bureau
Sangamon County Farm Bureau
Schuyler County Farm Bureau
Scott County Development Corporation
Scott County Farm Bureau
Scott County S&WCD
Stephenson County Farm Bureau
Tazewell County Farm Bureau
Tri-State Development Summit (IL-IA-MO)
Two Rivers FS
Two Rivers RC&D
University of Illinois-Center for Advanced BioEnergy Research (CABER)
Upper Mississippi, Illinois, and Missouri River Association (UMIMRA)
USA Energy Independence Publications
Vermilion County Farm Bureau
Village of Hull
Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau
Wayne County Farm Bureau
West Central Illinois Agricultural Research & Demonstration Center (Orr Farm)
Western Illinois Corridor Council
Western Illinois Economic Development Partnership
White County Farm Bureau
Will County Farm Bureau
Wind for Illinois
Winnebago County Farm Bureau