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1 1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. ____
1 2 BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
1 3 RESOLUTION BY CHAIRPERSON FRAISE)
1 4 A Concurrent Resolution endorsing the national
1 5 initiative for the increased production of renewable
1 6 energy through agricultural production.
1 7 WHEREAS, an affordable, reliable, and plentiful
1 8 energy supply together with an affordable, reliable,
1 9 and plentiful food supply are critical to this state's
1 10 and nation's economic security; and
1 11 WHEREAS, there are serious risks to this nation's
1 12 energy security as domestic and global energy demands
1 13 are increasing; and
1 14 WHEREAS, Iowa and the United States possess
1 15 abundant renewable energy resources and are ready to
1 16 develop a technology and infrastructure necessary to
1 17 deliver affordable sources of energy to its citizens;
1 18 and
1 19 WHEREAS, among the number of promising renewable
1 20 energy resources to be fully developed include
1 21 home-grown biofuels such as ethanol and biodiesel, as
1 22 well as methane, and wind and solar power; and
1 23 WHEREAS, the replacement of fossil fuels with clean
1 24 sustainable sources of energy is compatible with the
1 25 stewardship of natural resources, and promises to
1 26 enhance air and water quality, encourage the
1 27 sustainable use of land, and improve wildlife habitat;
1 28 and
1 29 WHEREAS, the development of renewable energy
1 30 sources will promote additional and expanded markets
2 1 for agricultural commodities; increase the income of
2 2 agricultural producers and revitalize rural
2 3 communities; create value-added products and
2 4 coproducts; encourage integrated systems for crop,
2 5 livestock, and fuel production; utilize marginal lands
2 6 for low-impact uses; create new jobs; provide
2 7 consumers with abundant and affordable energy; and
2 8 reduce the nation's trade imbalance; and
2 9 WHEREAS, with a commitment to technological
2 10 innovation and developing infrastructure, with public
2 11 sector support and private sector investment,
2 12 America's farms, ranches, and timberland will
2 13 contribute materials necessary to produce a new
2 14 generation of fuels to help meet the nation's energy
2 15 needs; and
2 16 WHEREAS, the 25 x '25 Renewable Energy Alliance is
2 17 an initiative that started with a small group of farm
2 18 leaders that has now grown to an alliance of more than
2 19 630 agriculture, forestry, environmental, energy,
2 20 business, labor, and government partners across the
2 21 country; and
2 22 WHEREAS, the objective of the "25 x '25" initiative
2 23 is to grow this nation's energy solutions from the
2 24 ground up, by envisioning that America's farms,
2 25 ranches, and forests help to produce 25 percent of
2 26 this nation's energy demand by the year 2025 while
2 27 continuing to produce abundant, safe, and affordable
2 28 food and fiber to the world; NOW THEREFORE,
2 29 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF
2 30 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the General Assembly
3 1 endorses the vision of the "25 x '25" initiative, and
3 2 related nonpartisan efforts by the 25 x '25 Renewable
3 3 Energy Alliance to address the economic, security, and
3 4 environmental challenges related to the production and
3 5 use of fossil fuels and to provide a compelling new
3 6 vision of the economic opportunities that will be
3 7 created by the transition to a new energy economy; and
3 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
3 9 resolution be delivered to the Honorable Chet Culver,
3 10 Governor of the State of Iowa; and
3 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
3 12 resolution be delivered to Iowa's congressional

3 13 delegation; and
3 14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
3 15 resolution be delivered to Mr. J. Read Smith and Mr.
3 16 William Richards, co-chairs of the 25 x '25 Steering
3 17 Committee at the Maryland office of the 25 x '25
3 18 Renewable Energy Alliance; and
3 19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
3 20 resolution be delivered to the Denver office of the
3 21 National Conference of State Legislatures.
3 22 LSB 5660SC 82
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