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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

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1 A Concurrent Resolution urging the United States
2 government to renew its commitment to this nation's
3 energy security.

4 WHEREAS, in accordance with the federal Energy
5 Policy Act of 2005, Pub. L. No. 109-58, as amended
6 by the federal Energy Independence and Security Act
7 of 2007, Pub. L. No. 110-140, the United States has
8 demonstrated its commitment to the long-term policy
9 of increasing the production of clean renewable fuels
10 according to a renewable fuel standard, sometimes
11 referred to as "RFS2," by requiring the increased
12 domestic production and use of renewable fuels, which
13 include total renewable biofuels such as ethanol,
14 advanced biofuels, cellulosic and agricultural
15 waste-based biofuels, and biomass-based biodiesel; and

16 WHEREAS, RFS2 provides the foundation for
17 reducing dependence on foreign sources of crude oil,
18 reducing the price of domestic transportation fuels,
19 reducing greenhouse gases, increasing farm income,
20 and encouraging the development and expansion of a
21 new industry, and consequently promoting economic

1 growth; and

2 WHEREAS, the rising price of petroleum hampers
3 this nation's economic recovery and contributes to
4 increasing retail prices, including increased costs
5 attributable to the transportation of food and other
6 goods, that drain the finances of both consumers and
7 business; and

8 WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection
9 Agency is responsible for establishing and implementing
10 RFS2, including by requiring that certain volumes of
11 various types of biofuels be blended in transportation
12 fuels each year with authority to adjust those volumes
13 due to availability; NOW THEREFORE,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF
15 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the United States
16 government is urged to renew its commitment to this
17 nation's energy security, move the United States toward
18 greater energy independence and security as required
19 by the federal Energy Independence and Security Act,
20 and use all efforts to meet the highest possible
21 renewable fuel volume requirements set forth in RFS2
22 in order to ensure that this nation achieves energy
23 independence; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
25 resolution be delivered to the Honorable Bob
26 Perciasepe, Acting Administrator of the United States
27 Environmental Protection Agency; and

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
29 resolution be delivered to the Honorable Tom Vilsack,
30 United States Secretary of Agriculture; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
2 resolution be delivered to all members of Iowa's
3 congressional delegation.