By Senator Smith

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1	Senate Resolution
2	A resolution in support of the "25 by '25"
3	initiative and, in connection therewith, the
4	increased production of renewable energy by the
5	agricultural community.
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7	WHEREAS, having an affordable, reliable, and plentiful
8	energy supply is critical to our economy, and
9	WHEREAS, Florida ranks third nationally in total energy
10	consumption, and
11	WHEREAS, Florida has tremendous renewable energy
12	resources, and
13	WHEREAS, development of a broad spectrum of renewable
14	energy sources, including biodiesel, biomass, methane
15	digesters, and ethanol, benefits the environment, and
16	WHEREAS, by participating in increased production of
17	renewable energy, rural communities and agriculture sectors
18	will experience multiple benefits, including establishing
19	additional markets for agricultural commodities; increasing
20	farm income; creating added-value uses for crops, livestock,
21	and their byproducts; making more productive use of marginal
22	lands; resolving air-quality, water-quality, and soil-quality
23	problems that can arise from agricultural operations;
24	improving wildlife habitat; and creating many new job
25	opportunities, and
26	WHEREAS, American agriculture is well positioned to
27	play an expanded role in the development and implementation of
28	new energy solutions, and with appropriate technological
29	innovation, incentives, and investments, America's farms and
30	ranches can become the factories that produce a new generation
31	of fuels to help meet the nation's energy needs, and

WHEREAS, "25 by '25" is an agriculturally led 2 initiative that envisions America's farms and ranches meeting 3 25 percent of America's energy needs by the year 2025 while continuing to produce abundant, safe, and affordable food and 4 5 fiber, and 6 WHEREAS, "Farm to Fuel" is an initiative to encourage the use of Florida crops and biomass for producing energy for the state's future energy stability, protection of its 8 environment, and continued viability of its agriculture 9 10 industry, and WHEREAS, agriculture's role as an energy producer will 11 12 have a positive effect on national security and trade imbalances, NOW, THEREFORE, 13 14 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida: 15 16 17 That the Senate supports the vision of "25 by '25" whereby agriculture will provide 25 percent of the total 18 energy consumed in the United States by the year 2025, while 19 continuing to produce abundant, safe, and affordable food and 20 21 fiber. 22 23 2.4 25 26 27 28 29 30 31