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## House Resolution

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2 A resolution in support of the "25 by '25" initiative and  
3 the increased production of renewable energy by the  
4 agricultural community.

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6 WHEREAS, the role of agriculture as an energy producer has  
7 the potential to positively influence national security and  
8 trade imbalances, and

9 WHEREAS, an affordable, reliable, and plentiful energy  
10 supply is critical to the economy of Florida, which ranks third  
11 nationally in total energy consumption and possesses vast  
12 resources of renewable energy, and

13 WHEREAS, the development of a broad spectrum of renewable  
14 energy sources, including biodiesel, biomass, methane digesters,  
15 and ethanol, is not only immensely beneficial to the environment  
16 but also provides multiple benefits to rural communities and  
17 agricultural sectors by spawning additional markets for  
18 agricultural commodities; increasing farm income; creating  
19 added-value uses for crops, livestock, and their byproducts;  
20 using marginal lands more productively; resolving air, water,  
21 and soil quality problems that often arise from agricultural  
22 operations; improving wildlife habitat; and creating new job  
23 opportunities, and

24 WHEREAS, American agriculture is strategically positioned  
25 to play an expanded role in developing and implementing new  
26 energy solutions; and, with appropriate technological  
27 innovation, incentives, and investments, this country's farms

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28 and ranches could well become the factories that produce a new  
29 generation of fuels to help meet the nation's energy needs, and

30 WHEREAS, "25 by '25" is an initiative that envisions  
31 American farms and ranches meeting 25 percent of America's  
32 energy demand by the year 2025, while continuing to produce  
33 abundant, safe, and affordable food and fiber, and

34 WHEREAS, "Farm to Fuel" is an initiative designed to  
35 encourage the use of Florida crops and biomass for production of  
36 energy for the state's future energy stability, protection of  
37 its environment, and continued viability of its agriculture  
38 industry, NOW, THEREFORE,

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40 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
41 Florida:

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43 That the House of Representatives supports the vision of  
44 "25 by '25," and encourages the production of renewable energy  
45 and fuels by farms and ranches to help meet future energy needs.