

By: Representatives Rotenberry, Eaton, Baker (8th), Bondurant, Bounds, Chism, Cummings, Dedeaux, Fleming, Gunn, Montgomery, Moore, Moss, Read, Robinson (84th), Rogers (61st), Staples, Stringer, Sullivan, Upshaw, Warren, Woods To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 40

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO
2 SUPPORT LEGISLATION FOR THE "25 BY 25" INITIATIVE PROMOTING
3 AGRICULTURAL-BASED RENEWABLE ENERGY.

4 WHEREAS, having an affordable, reliable, and plentiful energy
5 supply is crucial to our economy, as well as our national and
6 international food supply; and

7 WHEREAS, current and future risks to United States energy
8 security are mounting, while domestic and global energy demands
9 are escalating; and

10 WHEREAS, the development of renewable energy sources,
11 including wind power, biodiesel, biomass, methane digesters,
12 ethanol, and solar, benefits the environment and will have a
13 direct economic benefit to agricultural landowners and rural
14 communities; and

15 WHEREAS, agricultural communities and their partners will
16 experience multiple benefits, including establishing additional
17 markets for agricultural commodities; increasing farm income;
18 creating added-value uses for crops, livestock, and their
19 byproducts; and creating new job opportunities; and

20 WHEREAS, American agriculture is well positioned to play an
21 expanded role in the development and implementation of new energy
22 solutions; and

23 WHEREAS, America's farms and ranches can become the factories
24 that produce a new generation of fuels to help meet the nation's
25 energy needs; and

26 WHEREAS, "25 by 25" is an agriculturally led initiative that
27 envisions America's farms and ranches producing 25% of America's

28 energy demand by the year 2025, while continuing to produce
29 abundant, safe, and affordable food and fiber; and

30 WHEREAS, agriculture's role as an energy producer will have a
31 positive effect on national security and trade imbalances, and
32 will serve as a catalyst for rural development in the State of
33 Mississippi:

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
35 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
36 THEREIN, That the Mississippi Legislature supports and endorses
37 the vision of "25 by 25" whereby agriculture will provide 25% of
38 the total energy consumed in the United States by the year 2025,
39 while continuing to produce abundant, safe, and affordable food
40 and fiber.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
42 furnished to the President of the United States Senate, the
43 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the members
44 of the Mississippi Congressional Delegation, the Secretary of the
45 United States Department of Energy, the Secretary of the United
46 States Department of Agriculture and to the members of the Capitol
47 Press Corps.