

By: Senator(s) Lee (35th)

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 506

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT AND  
2 CONGRESS TO SUPPORT THE "25 X 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 State of Mississippi has tremendous renewable  
11 energy resources; and

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

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

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

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

28           WHEREAS, "25 by 25" is an agriculturally led initiative that  
29 envisions America's farms and ranches producing 25% of America's  
30 energy demand by the year 2025, while continuing to produce  
31 abundant, safe and affordable food and fiber; and

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

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

43           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Legislature memorializes the  
44 President and Congress of the United States to support the "25 x  
45 25" initiative promoting the use of agricultural-based renewable  
46 energy.

47           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State of  
48 Mississippi is directed to send copies of this resolution to  
49 President George W. Bush, the Secretary of the United States  
50 Senate, the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives,  
51 the Secretary of the United States Department of Energy, the  
52 Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, and each  
53 member of the Mississippi congressional delegation.