

ENGROSSED SENATE  
JOINT  
RESOLUTION NO. 8

By: Maddox, Fair, Williams,  
Smith, Harrison, Capps,  
Stipe and Price of the  
Senate

and

Miller (Doug) and Covey of  
the House

[ Joint Resolution - outlining voluntary goals to  
promote renewable energy - requiring presentation of  
award on certain date ]

WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma has been blessed with abundant natural resources useful for the production of energy, including our wind power resources which rank among the highest in the nation; and

WHEREAS, it is beneficial for the future growth of our state to ensure an adequate supply of electric energy for our residents, encourage the generation of energy from our renewable and indigenous resources and improve air quality; and

WHEREAS, while promotion of renewable energy should be a goal of our state, such promotion should be in the form of assisting as much as possible our state's electric power providers and our consumers rather than legislating requirements and penalties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 49TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

SECTION 1. It shall be a goal of the State of Oklahoma to encourage the development of renewable resources, which include wind, sun, geothermal, biomass/bioenergy and new hydroelectric sources. It shall further be a goal of this state to promote the use of renewable energy and encourage Oklahoma citizens to consider utilizing renewable energy sources in our homes and businesses.

SECTION 2. A. There is hereby created the Renewable Energy Panel which shall consist of:

1. The Governor, or a designee;
2. The Secretary of the Environment;
3. A representative appointed by the Oklahoma Renewable Energy Council;
4. The Chair of the Senate Energy, Environmental Resources and Communications Committee;
5. The Chair of the House Energy and Utility Regulation Committee;
6. The Chair of the Senate Agriculture and Rural Development Committee;
7. The Chair of the House Agriculture and Rural Development Committee;
8. The Minority Leader of the Oklahoma State Senate;
9. The Minority Leader of the Oklahoma House of Representatives; and
10. A Corporation Commissioner or designee, selected by the Chair of the Corporation Commission.

B. It shall be the duty of the Renewable Energy Panel to designate two annual Awards of Excellence to:

1. An electric utility or electric power provider located in this state for making the most progress toward the goals outlined in Section 1 of this resolution; and
2. An electric customer in this state as a commendation for promoting and utilizing renewable energy.

C. The members of the panel shall meet anytime at the call of the Governor, but shall meet at least once annually in March to designate the recipients of the Awards of Excellence. The recipients shall be selected by majority vote of a quorum of the panel.

D. The Awards of Excellence shall be presented by the Governor on or near Earth Day in April of each year.

Passed the Senate the 4th day of March, 2003.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2003.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives