

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 CONCURRENT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 1045

By: Covey, Kiesel, BigHorse,
Brannon, Brown, Hyman,
Luttrell, McMullen,
Pittman, Rousselot,
Shoemake, Smithson and
Walker of the House

and

Schulz of the Senate

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10 A Concurrent Resolution supporting the "25 by 25"
11 initiative and the increased production of renewable
12 energy by the agricultural community; and directing
13 distribution.

14 WHEREAS, the role of agriculture as an energy producer has the
15 potential to positively influence national security and trade
16 imbalances; and

17 WHEREAS, an affordable, reliable, and plentiful energy supply is
18 critical to the economy of Oklahoma, which ranks eleventh nationally
19 in total energy consumption per capita and possesses vast resources
20 of renewable energy; and

21 WHEREAS, the development of a broad spectrum of renewable
22 energy sources, including biodiesel, biomass, methane digesters, and
23 ethanol, is not only immensely beneficial to the environment but
24 also provides multiple benefits to rural communities and

1 agricultural sectors by spawning additional markets for agricultural
2 commodities, increasing farm income, creating added-value uses for
3 crops, livestock, and their byproducts, using marginal lands more
4 productively, resolving air, water, and soil quality problems that
5 often arise from agricultural operations, improving wildlife
6 habitat, and creating new job opportunities; and

7 WHEREAS, American agriculture is strategically positioned to
8 play an expanded role in developing and implementing new energy
9 solutions and with appropriate technological innovation, incentives,
10 and investments, this country's farms and ranches could well become
11 the factories that produce a new generation of fuels to help meet
12 the nation's energy needs; and

13 WHEREAS, "25 by 25" is an initiative that envisions American
14 farms and ranches meeting 25 percent of America's energy demand by
15 the year 2025, while continuing to produce abundant, safe, and
16 affordable food and fiber.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
18 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
19 CONCURRING THEREIN:

20 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature supports the vision of "25 by 25,"
21 and encourages the production of renewable energy and fuels by farms
22 and ranches to help meet future energy needs.

23 THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Secretary
24 of Agriculture and the 25 by 25 Alliance.

