

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Concurrent
Resolution No. 1045

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1045 - By: COVEY AND KIESEL of the House.

A Concurrent Resolution supporting the “25 by 25” initiative and the increased production of renewable energy by the agricultural community; and directing distribution.

- 1 WHEREAS, the role of agriculture as an energy producer has the potential to
- 2 positively influence national security and trade imbalances; and
- 3 WHEREAS, an affordable, reliable, and plentiful energy supply is critical to the
- 4 economy of Oklahoma, which ranks eleventh nationally in total energy consumption per
- 5 capita and possesses vast resources of renewable energy; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the development of a broad spectrum of renewable energy sources,
- 7 including biodiesel, biomass, methane digesters, and ethanol, is not only immensely
- 8 beneficial to the environment but also provides multiple benefits to rural communities
- 9 and agricultural sectors by spawning additional markets for agricultural commodities,
- 10 increasing farm income, creating added-value uses for crops, livestock, and their
- 11 byproducts, using marginal lands more productively, resolving air, water, and soil

1 quality problems that often arise from agricultural operations, improving wildlife
2 habitat, and creating new job opportunities; and

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

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

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
12 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA
13 LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

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

17 THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Secretary of Agriculture and the
18 25 by 25 Alliance.

19 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 04-03-08 - DO PASS, As
20 Coauthored.