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## House Resolution

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3 A resolution in support of the "25 by '25" initiative and  
4 the increased production of renewable energy by the agricultural  
5 community.

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7 WHEREAS, the role of agriculture as an energy producer has  
8 the potential to positively influence national security and trade  
9 imbalances, and

10 WHEREAS, an affordable, reliable, and plentiful energy  
11 supply is critical to the economy of Florida, which ranks third  
12 nationally in total energy consumption and possesses vast  
13 resources of renewable energy, and

14 WHEREAS, the development of a broad spectrum of renewable  
15 energy sources, including biodiesel, biomass, methane digesters,  
16 and ethanol, is not only immensely beneficial to the environment  
17 but also provides multiple benefits to rural communities and  
18 agricultural sectors by spawning additional markets for  
19 agricultural commodities; increasing farm income; creating added-  
20 value uses for crops, livestock, and their byproducts; using  
21 marginal lands more productively; resolving air, water, and soil  
22 quality problems that often arise from agricultural operations;  
23 improving wildlife habitat; and creating new job opportunities,  
24 and

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

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

35 WHEREAS, "Farm to Fuel" is an initiative designed to  
36 encourage the use of Florida crops and biomass for production of  
37 energy for the state's future energy stability, protection of its  
38 environment, and continued viability of its agriculture industry,  
39 NOW, THEREFORE,

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41 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
42 Florida:

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44 That the House of Representatives of the State of Florida  
45 supports the production of renewable energy and fuels by farms  
46 and ranches to help meet future energy needs.

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