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By Representative Wren
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ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE “25 BY 25” INITIATIVE.

WHEREAS, “25 by 25” is a renewable energy initiative proposing that America’s agricultural and forestry sectors produce 25 percent of the nation’s energy requirements from renewable resources by the year 2025 while continuing to produce abundant and safe food and fiber; and

WHEREAS, the presence of an affordable, reliable, and plentiful energy supply is critical for our state and national economy and the national and international food supply; and

WHEREAS, current and future risks to the nation’s energy security are mounting while global energy demands are growing exponentially; and

WHEREAS, Alabama’s farms and forests through the use of new and appropriate technological innovations, incentives, and investments can become the future sources for a new generation of fuels to help meet the state’s and nation’s energy needs; and

WHEREAS, the development of a broad spectrum of renewable energy sources, including but not limited to wind power, biodiesel, biomass, methane digesters, ethanol, and solar, would be beneficial to both farmers and the rural
communities by: establishing additional markets for agricultural commodities; increasing farm income; creating added-value use for crops; developing new products from livestock byproducts; improving the productive use of marginal lands; resolving air, water, and soil quality problems that may arise from agricultural operations; improving wildlife habitat; and creating many new job opportunities, and

WHEREAS, agriculture’s and forestry’s role as an energy producer will have a positive effect on national security and United States trade imbalances and will serve as a catalyst for rural development in Alabama; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby express our support of the “25 by 25” renewable energy initiative that America’s agricultural and forestry sectors provide 25 percent of the nation’s energy needs by the year 2025 while they continue to produce abundant, safe, and affordable food and fiber.
I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 05-APR-07.

Greg Pappas
Clerk

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