

## CHAPTER 227

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5042

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging support of the “25 by ’25” initiative.

WHEREAS, Having an affordable, reliable and plentiful energy supply is critical to our economy, as well as our national and international food supply; and

WHEREAS, Current and future risks to United States energy security are mounting while domestic and global energy demands are growing exponentially; and

WHEREAS, Kansas and the midwest have tremendous renewable energy resources; 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, benefits the environment and will have a direct economic benefit to agricultural landowners and rural communities; and

WHEREAS, Rural communities and agriculture sectors will experience multiple benefits, including establishing additional markets for agricultural commodities, increasing farm income, creating value-added uses for crops, livestock and their byproducts, increasing 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, Solar and wind energy can be captured on the vast land areas managed by United States agriculture through current technological and production capabilities. This will allow America’s farmers and ranchers to play a major role in ensuring a fully sustainable United States energy system; and

WHEREAS, American agriculture is well positioned to play an expanded role in the development and implementation of new energy solutions and with appropriate technological innovation, incentives and investments, America’s farms and ranches can become the factories that produce a new generation of fuels to help meet the nation’s energy needs; and

WHEREAS, “25 by ’25” is an agriculturally led initiative that envisions America’s farms and ranches producing 25% of America’s energy demand by the year 2025 while continuing to produce abundant, safe and affordable food and fiber; and

WHEREAS, Agriculture’s role as an energy producer will have a positive effect on national security and trade imbalances, and will serve as a catalyst for rural development in Kansas: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas, the Senate concurring therein:* That the Legislature of the State of Kansas supports the vision of “25 by ’25” whereby agriculture will provide 25% of the total energy consumed in the United States by the year 2025, while continuing to produce abundant, safe and affordable food and fiber; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State be directed to send enrolled copies of this resolution to each member of the Kansas Congressional Delegation, the President of the United States, the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker, Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, the United States Department of Energy, the United States Department of Agriculture, and the Ag Energy Work Group.

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