

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1620

By Committee on Agriculture

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9 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging support of “25 by 25”.

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

12 food supply; and

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

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17 WHEREAS, Kansas and the midwest have tremendous renewable energy resources; and

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19 WHEREAS, The development of a broad spectrum of renewable energy sources, including wind power, biodiesel, biomass, methane digesters, ethanol and solar, benefits the environment and will have a direct

20 economic benefit to agricultural landowners and rural communities; and

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22 WHEREAS, Rural communities and agriculture sectors will experience multiple benefits, including establishing additional markets for agricultural commodities, increasing farm income, creating added-value

23 uses for crops, livestock and their byproducts, more productive use of

24 marginal lands, the resolution of air, water and soil quality problems that

25 may arise from agricultural operations, improving wildlife habitat and

26 creating many new job opportunities; and

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28 WHEREAS, Solar and wind energy can be captured on the vast land areas managed by the United States agriculture and technology and production capabilities allow America’s farmers and ranchers to play a major

29 role in ensuring a fully sustainable United States energy system; and

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31 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

32 produce a new generation of fuels to help meet the nation’s energy needs;

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35 WHEREAS, “25 by 25” is an agriculturally led initiative that envisions

36 America’s farms and ranches producing 25% of America’s energy demand

37 by the year 2025 while continuing to produce abundant, safe and affordable

38 food and fiber; and

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1 WHEREAS, Agriculture’s role as an energy producer will have a pos-
2 itive effect on national security and trade imbalances, and will serve as a
3 catalyst for rural development in Kansas: Now, therefore,
4 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of Rep-*
5 *resentatives concurring therein:* That the legislature of the state of Kan-
6 sas supports the vision of “25 by 25” whereby agriculture will provide
7 25% of the total energy consumed in the United States by the year 2025,
8 while continuing to produce abundant, safe and affordable food and fiber.
9 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State be directed to send
10 enrolled copies of this resolution to the President of the United States;
11 Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the United States Senate; the
12 Speaker, Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the United States
13 House of Representatives, and to each member of the Kansas Congres-
14 sional Delegation.