

110TH CONGRESS
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H. CON. RES. 251

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas in 1977 the Solar Energy Research Institute opened and was designated a National Laboratory of the United States Department of Energy;

Whereas in September 1991 President George H.W. Bush changed the institute's name to the National Renewable Energy Laboratory ("NREL");

Whereas the NREL is the principal research laboratory for the United States Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy and also provides research expertise for the Office of Science and the Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability;

Whereas the NREL is the Nation's, and the world's, pre-eminent laboratory for renewable energy and energy efficiency research and development;

Whereas renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies are key to creating a clean energy future for not only the United States, but the world;

Whereas the NREL's focused research and development capabilities are positioned to advance national energy goals by developing innovations to change the way we power our homes and businesses, and fuel our cars;

Whereas the NREL has worked vigorously through research and development to develop wind energy resulting in innovative designs, larger turbines, and increased efficiencies leading to dramatic reductions in energy costs;

Whereas the NREL has also developed hydrogen energy scenarios that could be used to power the future and develop hydrogen infrastructure and delivery systems; and

Whereas the NREL has developed biomass research technology, which provides biomass industries with rapid analytical tools for making the highest value applications of biomass or analyzing biomass: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring), That Congress—*

3 (1) commends the National Renewable Energy
 4 Laboratory for its work of promoting energy effi-

1 ciency for 30 years and seeking other avenues of en-
2 ergy independence because it enhances our national
3 security, sustains our environment and creates jobs;

4 (2) recognizes the achievements of the scientists
5 and employees of the NREL and their exemplary
6 service to the United States for 30 years; and

7 (3) directs the Clerk of the House to transmit
8 a copy of this resolution to the NREL for appro-
9 priate display.

 Passed the House of Representatives December 5,
2007.

Attest:

Clerk.

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