



State Agriculture and Rural Leaders Summit

103-2 Resolution in Support of Renewable Fuels Standard

Passed June 9, 2013

- Whereas,** the State Ag and Rural Leaders, (SARL) is comprised of agriculture and rural leaders of state and provincial legislative bodies from the US and Canada; and
- Whereas,** in 2005, when the Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS) was first adopted, U.S. oil imports as a percentage of consumption were 60%, falling only to 58% by 2007; and
- Whereas,** in 2007 Congress expanded the existing RFS in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (P.L. 110-140), to require that 36 billion gallons of renewable fuel be used in our nation's fuel supply by 2022; and
- Whereas,** biofuels such as ethanol have designated as additives to gasoline to improve environmental emissions; and
- Whereas,** the RFS achieves this goal by setting forth annual volumetric targets for renewable fuel, including specific pools for ethanol, biodiesel, cellulosic, and advanced; and
- Whereas** such targets were designed to be ambitious in order to induce private sector innovation and investment across the United States in producing new crops and feedstock materials; and
- Whereas** the renewable fuel industry is established and growing, with over 250 renewable facilities located in 36 states and supports over 400,000 jobs; and
- Whereas** to continue on our path toward greater energy security, the United States must continue our efforts to diversify our transportation fuel supply and eliminate our overreliance on oil; now therefore be it
- Resolved,** that State Agricultural and Rural Leaders supports continued implementation of alternative biofuels to achieve this goal.
- Resolved,** that this resolution be submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy, and members of the agriculture committee of the United States Congress.