

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 81

BY SENATOR MILLER

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Tuesday, May 6, 2025, as Louisiana Renewable Energy Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

WHEREAS, Louisiana boasts impressive energy resources, both onshore and offshore; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana's natural resources continue to provide thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in economic development benefits; and

WHEREAS, according to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Louisiana's rich history and established expertise in energy innovation and development will pave the way for new emerging industries; and

WHEREAS, solar energy is increasingly affordable and efficient, and can provide significant economic and environmental benefits to the citizens of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, according to the Solar Energy Industries Association, Louisiana's solar energy resources are expected to grow by more than ten-fold in the next few years; and

WHEREAS, solar growth in Louisiana could bring over four billion dollars in economic development and thousands of construction jobs; and

WHEREAS, wind energy is an abundant and growing source of renewable energy that can create jobs and economic opportunities in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana's maritime and oil and gas industries have been instrumental in building the United States' first offshore wind farm; and

WHEREAS, battery storage technology is improving rapidly and will be critical to integrating renewable energy sources into our electric grid and creating new jobs in the energy sector; and

WHEREAS, hydrogen is a versatile energy carrier that can be produced from renewable sources and has a variety of applications, including transportation and industrial processes, creating new economic opportunities in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, owing to Louisiana's existing infrastructure and expertise, and development of the Hydrogen Arkansas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma (HALO) Hydrogen Hub, our state's potential for growth in the clean hydrogen sector is anticipated to be significant; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of new power plant facilities proposed in Louisiana are renewable energy projects spanning fifty parishes; and

WHEREAS, the development of renewable energy and clean energy can create good-paying jobs and support local economies in Louisiana, particularly in rural and coastal areas that have weathered significant and repeated economic challenges; and

WHEREAS, supporting renewable energy and clean energy jobs can help diversify our state's economy and position Louisiana as a leader in the transition to a clean energy future; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper for the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to recognize Louisiana Renewable Energy Day.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Tuesday, May 6, 2025, as Louisiana Renewable Energy Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE