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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 42

BY REPRESENTATIVES BAGLEY, AMEDEE, BAYHAM, BEAULLIEU, BILLINGS, BOYER, BROWN, BRYANT, BUTLER, CARRIER, CHASSION, EGAN, KNOX, JACOB LANDRY, MARCELLE, ORGERON, OWEN, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN, SELDERS, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, AND WYBLE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana State University (LSU) AgCenter and the Southern University Ag Center to jointly study and make recommendations on how sugarcane bagasse can be used to provide value-added economic benefits to sugarcane producers through investments by the private sector for uses such as soil amendments, animal feed, biofuels, industrial filters or absorbents, graphene production, or any other uses.

WHEREAS, bagasse is the cellulosic waste that remains in sugarcane stalks after they are pressed to extract their juice; and

WHEREAS, while bagasse is effectively used for fuel in sugarcane mill boilers, there remains an overabundance of bagasse accumulated at or near sugarcane mills across south Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, as more innovative ideas for uses of bagasse are being discussed, a coordinated effort by and between the LSU AgCenter and the Southern University Ag Center would be beneficial to studying alternative uses of bagasse.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the LSU AgCenter and the Southern University Ag Center to jointly study and make recommendations on how sugarcane bagasse can be used to provide value-added economic benefits to sugarcane producers through investments by the private sector for uses such as soil amendments, animal feed, biofuels, industrial filters or absorbents, graphene generator, or any other uses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the LSU AgCenter and the Southern University Ag Center shall provide a written report of their joint findings to the House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture and Rural Development, the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture and Rural Development, and to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library, no later than February 1, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the LSU Vice President for Agriculture and Dean of the College of Agriculture, the Chancellor of the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center and Dean of the College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences, the American Sugar Cane League, and the Audubon Sugar Institute.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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