

WHEREAS, Other states have benefitted from investments and policies designed to foster the development of an ethanol production industry; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland General Assembly wishes to support the construction of a fuel grade ethanol plant in Maryland and is willing to support financial assistance for the construction of the plant; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That ethanol production could provide significant contributions to the State's environment, energy security, and economy. The General Assembly urges the Department of Business and Economic Development, the Department of Agriculture, and the Department of the Environment to provide technical assistance and financial support for the development of a business plan for an ethanol industry in Maryland; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Business and Economic Development, and the Maryland Energy Administration, in conjunction with the Maryland Grain Producers Utilization Board, shall report to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2002, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on ~~measures, such as production credits, construction bonds or other incentives that would attract producers to develop an ethanol production plant in Maryland that will be fully on line and operating at capacity in 2004~~ the feasibility of developing an ethanol production facility in Maryland, including examination of proposed operational structures, financing, State incentives, and other matters related to proceeding with development of the facility; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Services to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland; the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and the Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Signed May 16, 2002.

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**Joint Resolution No. 21**

**(House Joint Resolution No. 33)**

A House Joint Resolution concerning

**Ethanol Production in Maryland**

FOR the purpose of urging certain State agencies to provide financial and technical support for the production of fuel grade ethanol production in the State; and requiring the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Business and Economic Development, and the Maryland Energy Administration to submit a certain report on or before a certain date.

WHEREAS, Ethanol is a domestic and renewable fuel produced from grain crops and other biomass sources that can replace petroleum to increase our energy security and reduce our dependence on imported oil and fossil fuels; and