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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Having your headlights on during the day makes
3 your vehicle more noticeable to other drivers, especially in
4 situations with low visibility in environments with fog, rain,
5 or overcast weather, greatly reducing the chances of an
6 accident; and

7 WHEREAS, Studies show that using daytime running lights or
8 DRLs would reduce fatal multiparty daytime accidents by 15%,
9 serious injury multiparty daytime accidents by 10%, and slight
10 injury multiparty daytime accidents by 5%; and

11 WHEREAS, Studies have found that DRLs reduce daytime
12 multiple-vehicle crashes, especially head-on and front-corner
13 collisions where vehicle conspicuity is a concern and the
14 magnitude of the reduction varies depending on the study and
15 the type of crash; many studies have found a reduction of 5 to
16 10%; and

17 WHEREAS, Different statistical methodologies found that
18 DRLs reduced opposite-direction fatal crashes and non-fatal
19 opposite-direction and angle crashes by 5% each, a 12%
20 reduction in crashes involving pedestrians and bicyclists, and
21 a 23% reduction in opposite-direction crashes involving
22 motorcyclists; and

1 WHEREAS, A key European study evaluated 25 studies on the
2 safety effects of DRLs for cars and 16 studies for motorcycles
3 and found that DRL use produced a 5 to 10% reduction in
4 multiparty daytime crashes for both vehicle types; and

5 WHEREAS, DRLs do not offer a lot of road illumination, but
6 instead, they provide the right lighting that allows
7 pedestrians and cyclists to see your vehicle better; and

8 WHEREAS, High-beam lights cause glare that can distract
9 other drivers on the road, especially on hazy days, and when
10 there is reduced visibility due to bad weather condition,
11 daytime lamps provide sufficient lighting to signal other
12 motorists; since DRLs are ambient only, they are not too
13 bright to be distracting, but they are not substitutes for fog
14 lamps, which you should use during inclement weather; and

15 WHEREAS, Having DRLs on your vehicle is a benefit for both
16 drivers and people not operating on the road; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
18 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we urge the State of Illinois to promote the use of daytime
20 running lights on automobiles wherever and whenever possible;
21 and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 delivered to the Illinois Department of Transportation and the
3 Illinois Secretary of State.