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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, President Obama has announced plans to develop national automobile emissions and fuel efficiency standards; and

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WHEREAS, President Obama's plan would increase national Corporate Average Fuel Efficiency (CAFE) standards to an industry average of 35.5 miles per gallon in 2016 and reduce greenhouse gas emissions from autos by approximately 30% over the same time period; and

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WHEREAS, The transportation sector contributes 30% of global warming pollution in the Midwest and significant emissions of carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, volatile organic compounds, and other harmful and toxic air pollutants; and

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WHEREAS, Auto emissions cause or contribute to respiratory and other ailments, particularly in children, and the residents of Chicago suffer some of the most severe asthma problems in the U.S., with hospitalization rates double the national average; and

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WHEREAS, The proposed new standards will save the typical

1 driver approximately \$2800 over the life of the vehicle through
2 reduced fuel consumption; and

3 WHEREAS, Nationally, the new standards will save 1.8
4 billion barrels of oil over the lifetime of the vehicles sold
5 in the next 5 years, which is more than we imported in 2008
6 from Saudi Arabia, Venezuela, Libya, and Nigeria combined; and

7 WHEREAS, The proposed new standards are the result of an
8 agreement between automakers, auto workers, state and federal
9 agencies, environmental advocates, and other stakeholders; and

10 WHEREAS, The proposal provides the clear certainty that
11 will allow auto companies to plan for a future in which they
12 are building the cars of the 21st century and will create the
13 technologies and the jobs to produce those vehicles here in
14 Illinois and America; and

15 WHEREAS, The proposed new standards must be finalized by
16 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S.
17 Department of Transportation before Illinois and the nation
18 will realize all of the benefits of cleaner, more efficient
19 vehicles; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
21 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE

1 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we support President Obama's
2 proposal to significantly increase the efficiency and reduce
3 the emissions of the nation's vehicle fleet; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That we urge the Governor to represent the State
5 of Illinois as a supporter of the proposed new standards as
6 appropriate; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
8 presented to President Barack Obama, the Governor, the
9 Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and
10 the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation.