

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Illinois produces more ethanol than any state in
3 the United States; and

4 WHEREAS, Illinois produces around 40% of the United
5 States' ethanol production; and

6 WHEREAS, Illinois currently produces around 710 million
7 gallons of ethanol annually from 275 million bushels of corn;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, At least one out of every six rows of corn grown
10 in Illinois is used for ethanol production; and

11 WHEREAS, Domestic, renewable and alternative fuels such
12 as ethanol and biodiesel offer hope for America's future; and

13 WHEREAS, Ethanol contains oxygen, and fuel blended with
14 ethanol reduces harmful exhaust emissions from vehicles; and

15 WHEREAS, Ethanol, when blended with gasoline, acts as an
16 octane enhancer, reducing the need for such harmful
17 substances as benzene and toluene in gasoline; and

18 WHEREAS, Ethanol blended fuels extend current supplies of
19 petroleum; and

20 WHEREAS, The use of ethanol and other biofuels would help
21 decrease our dependence on foreign oil; and

22 WHEREAS, The continued growth of renewable energy will
23 continue to be important in delivering larger supplies of
24 clean, domestic power for America's growing economy; and

25 WHEREAS, Illinois has enacted legislation to implement
26 the phase-out of the alternative motor fuel additive methyl
27 tertiary-butyl ether (MTBE) in this State; and

28 WHEREAS, A recent agreement between oil companies,

1 environmentalists, and agricultural interests may help
2 increase the use of ethanol and other biofuels over the next
3 decade; and

4 WHEREAS, The Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS) would boost
5 ethanol production from the 2001 level of 1.7 billion gallons
6 to 5 billion gallons of renewable fuels by 2012; and

7 WHEREAS, The agreement includes the phasing out of MTBE;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, This agreement has brought most major interested
10 groups toward a consensus on the motor fuel composition
11 issue, and there are substantial reasons to believe that
12 federal law will soon reflect this agreement; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 the State of Illinois needs to protect and expand the
16 production and use of biofuels in the State; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That we urge the members of the United States
19 Congress to support the Renewable Fuels Standard and the
20 elimination of MTBE; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
22 delivered to Senator Peter Fitzgerald, Senator Dick Durbin,
23 and each member of the Illinois delegation in the United
24 States House of Representatives.