

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 CONCURRENT  
3 RESOLUTION NO. 1019

By: Bengel of the House

and

Bingman of the Senate

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7 A Concurrent Resolution urging the United States  
8 Environmental Protection Agency to take regulatory  
9 steps that will encourage the use of natural gas  
10 vehicles; and directing distribution.

11 WHEREAS, Oklahoma has a strong oil and gas industry that is  
12 vital to the economy of the state; and

13 WHEREAS, Oklahoma is also fortunate that the oil and gas  
14 industry has significantly invested in the development of the  
15 abundant supply of natural gas in the state; and

16 WHEREAS, every gallon equivalent of natural gas used by vehicles  
17 is one less gallon of petroleum that has to be imported from a  
18 foreign country; and

19 WHEREAS, natural gas is the cleanest-burning alternative  
20 transportation fuel commercially available today; and

21 WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency has  
22 rules governing the manufacture, sale, and installation of  
23 alternative fuel engine conversion systems; and  
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1       WHEREAS, pursuant to Environmental Protection Agency rules  
2 governing vehicle conversions from petroleum to natural gas, an  
3 aftermarket conversion kit must be designed for the specific engine  
4 of each vehicle; and

5       WHEREAS, each engine-specific conversion kit must undergo  
6 specified testing approved by the Environmental Protection Agency to  
7 ensure it meets emission standards and, upon passing, receive a  
8 Certificate of Conformity; and

9       WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency should revise and  
10 streamline the certification requirements applicable to small volume  
11 manufacturers of alternative fuel engine conversion kits; and

12       WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency should waive  
13 requirements for recertifying alternative fuel engine conversion  
14 kits if the kit has been previously certified for the model of  
15 vehicle to be converted and neither the kit nor the design and  
16 specifications of the model of vehicle to be converted have  
17 substantially changed; and

18       WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency should also permit  
19 small vehicle manufacturers to include vehicles and engines in a  
20 single engine category to improve the cost efficiency of emission  
21 testing of converted vehicles and provide additional guidance to  
22 small volume manufacturers regarding the conversion of older vehicle  
23 models; and

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1       WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency should continue a  
2 natural gas vehicle research, development, and demonstration funding  
3 program within its existing budget and personnel levels to help  
4 improve and develop natural gas usage in engines and vehicles; and

5       WHEREAS, the natural gas vehicle research and development  
6 program by the Environmental Protection Agency could assist  
7 manufacturers in emissions certification, develop and improve  
8 nationally recognized safety codes and standards, and examine and  
9 improve the reliability and efficiency of natural gas fueling  
10 station infrastructure; and

11       WHEREAS, taking these steps will increase the number of natural  
12 gas vehicles on the market and on the road, increasing the need for  
13 natural gas fueling station infrastructure and encouraging the  
14 private sector to engage in the development of the infrastructure;  
15 and

16       WHEREAS, by taking these steps, the Environmental Protection  
17 Agency would allow industry and the public to more quickly decrease  
18 the dependency of the nation on imported petroleum.

19       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
20 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE  
21 CONCURRING THEREIN:

22       THAT the Oklahoma Legislature strongly urges the United States  
23 Environmental Protection Agency to act promptly and decisively in  
24 revising and streamlining the certification requirements applicable

1 to small volume manufacturers and waiving requirements for  
2 recertifying natural gas engine conversion kits if the kit has been  
3 previously certified for the model of vehicle to be converted and  
4 neither the kit nor the design and specifications of the model of  
5 vehicle to be converted have substantially changed.

6 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature urges the United States  
7 Environmental Protection Agency to permit small vehicle  
8 manufacturers to include vehicles and engines in a single engine  
9 category and provide additional guidance to small volume  
10 manufacturers regarding the conversion of older vehicle models.

11 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature urges the United States  
12 Environmental Protection Agency to continue a natural gas vehicle  
13 research, development, and demonstration funding program within its  
14 existing budget and personnel levels.

15 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Director of  
16 the United States Environmental Protection Agency and to each member  
17 of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

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