

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 CONCURRENT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 9

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Reynolds, Rice, Russell,
Schulz, Sparks,
Stanislawski, Sweeden,
Sykes, Wilson and Wyrick of
the Senate

and

Rousselot of the House

16 A Concurrent Resolution urging the Environmental
17 Protection Agency (EPA) to streamline its rules for
18 vehicle natural gas conversion; urging the adoption
19 of a single engine category; urging further research;
20 encouraging partnerships to increase natural gas
21 fueling infrastructure; and directing distribution.

21 WHEREAS, Oklahoma is fortunate to have an abundant supply of
22 natural gas. Every gallon equivalent of natural gas used by
23 vehicles is one less gallon of petroleum that has to be imported.
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1 Natural gas is the cleanest burning alternative transportation fuel
2 commercially available today; and

3 WHEREAS, the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy
4 has rated the natural gas-powered Honda Civic GX as "America's
5 Greenest Car" for the past five consecutive years. The Honda Civic
6 GX is greener than any available hybrid; and

7 WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
8 has rules governing the manufacture, sale, and installation of
9 alternative fuel engine conversion systems. For a vehicle
10 conversion from petroleum to natural gas to be legal, the
11 aftermarket kit must be designed for the specific vehicle's engine;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, each engine-specific natural gas conversion kit must
14 undergo EPA-specified testing to ensure it meets emission standards
15 and, upon passing, receive a Certificate of Conformity. The EPA
16 could revise and streamline the certification requirements
17 applicable to small volume manufacturers. The EPA could waive
18 requirements for recertifying conversion kits if the kit has been
19 previously certified for the model of vehicle to be converted, and
20 neither the kit nor the design and specifications of the model of
21 vehicle to be converted have substantially changed; and

22 WHEREAS, the EPA could also permit small vehicles manufacturers
23 to include vehicles and engines in a single engine category to
24 improve the cost efficiency of emission testing of converted

1 vehicles and provide additional guidance to small volume
2 manufacturers regarding the conversion of older vehicle models to
3 natural gas; and

4 WHEREAS, the EPA could continue a natural gas vehicle research,
5 development, and demonstration funding program within its existing
6 budget and personnel levels to help improve and develop natural gas
7 usage by engines and vehicles. The program could assist
8 manufacturers in emissions certification, develop and improve
9 nationally recognized safety codes and standards, and examine and
10 improve the reliability and efficiency of natural gas fueling
11 station infrastructure; and

12 WHEREAS, the largest hurdle facing the natural gas vehicle
13 industry is the lack of refueling stations available to the public.
14 Public and private partnerships could greatly increase the state's
15 natural gas refueling infrastructure; and

16 WHEREAS, by taking these steps, the EPA would allow industry and
17 the public to more quickly decrease the nation's dependency on
18 imported petroleum.

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

22 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature strongly urges the United
23 States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to act promptly and
24 decisively in revising and streamlining the natural gas

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

7 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature further urges the EPA to
8 permit small vehicle manufacturers to include vehicles and engines
9 in a single engine category and provide additional guidance to small
10 volume manufacturers regarding the conversion of older vehicle
11 models.

12 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature urges the EPA to continue a
13 natural gas vehicle research, development, and demonstration funding
14 program within its existing budget and personnel levels.

15 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature encourages the formation of
16 public and private partnerships to increase the state's natural gas
17 refueling infrastructure.

18 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the members of
19 the Oklahoma Congressional delegation and the Administrator of the
20 United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

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