

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
CONCURRENT
2 RESOLUTION NO. 42

By: Jolley of the Senate

3 and

4 Cockroft of the House

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6 A Concurrent Resolution urging rejection of certain
7 recommendations for national gas vehicle fuel
standards; and directing distribution.

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10 WHEREAS, the United States Constitution reserves to the states
11 the right to regulate commerce and the weights and measures system
12 within their borders; and

13 WHEREAS, the National Conference of Weights and Measures,
14 established in 1905 to resolve the lack of uniform weights and
15 measures standards throughout the country, has evolved into a not-
16 for-profit corporation that ensures national standards keep pace
17 with evolving technology and marketing practices; and

18 WHEREAS, natural gas vehicles and infrastructure continues to
19 develop in this state, and more largely, the United States; and

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

22 WHEREAS, the utilization of natural gas as a motor fuel has seen
23 a massive increase over the past five years due to stable and
24 affordable pricing; and

1 WHEREAS, in 1994, the National Conference on Weights and
2 Measures established the gasoline gallon equivalent (GGE) as the
3 official unit of sale for compressed natural gas (CNG); and

4 WHEREAS, the GGE is a consumer-friendly unit of measurement
5 because it represents an amount of CNG which has the same energy
6 content as a gallon of gasoline; and

7 WHEREAS, the GGE standard puts natural gas in a unit which is
8 familiar to consumers and allows consumers to evaluate the cost
9 between natural gas and traditional motor fuels; and

10 WHEREAS, since 2011, an increasing number of long-haul trucking
11 companies have begun converting their fuel source to liquefied
12 natural gas (LNG); and

13 WHEREAS, by the end of 2014, there is expected to be a
14 nationwide network of LNG refueling stations; and

15 WHEREAS, because LNG only displaces diesel as a motor fuel, it
16 is sold on a diesel gallon equivalent (DGE); and

17 WHEREAS, the Natural Gas Vehicle Steering Committee, under the
18 National Conference of Weights and Measures, recommended the
19 adoption of gallon equivalent standards; and

20 WHEREAS, the National Conference of Weights and Measures
21 continues to consider standards which would force consumers to buy
22 natural gas as a motor fuel under the metric system using the
23 kilogram unit of measurement; and

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1 WHEREAS, the promulgation of such standards by the National
2 Conference of Weights and Measures would create inequitable
3 treatment among different motor fuels which will lead to consumer
4 confusion; and

5 WHEREAS, such standards, if adopted, would create significant
6 costs to natural gas fueling stations to replace existing natural
7 gas fuel dispensers at a cost of approximately \$70,000.00 each; and

8 WHEREAS, the National Institute of Standards and Technology
9 publishes the standards adopted by the National Conference of
10 Weights and Measures; and

11 WHEREAS, the National Conference of Weights and Measures is
12 scheduled to vote on natural gas motor fuel standards at their
13 annual meeting in July of 2014.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF
15 THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
16 CONCURRING THEREIN:

17 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature objects to any standards proffered
18 by the National Conference of Weights and Measures which require
19 natural gas motor fuels to be sold in units other than diesel and
20 gasoline gallon equivalents.

21 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature urges any state official involved
22 with the National Conference of Weights and Measures and acting in
23 an official capacity on behalf of the State of Oklahoma to strongly
24 reject any proposal proffered by the National Conference of Weights

1 and Measures which would require natural gas motor fuel to be sold
2 in units other than diesel and gasoline gallon equivalent.

3 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Governor, the
4 members of the Corporation Commission, and to the Executive Director
5 of the National Conference on Weights and Measures.

6 Adopted by the Senate the 5th day of May, 2014.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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10 Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
11 2014.

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