

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 WHEREAS, the Natural Gas Vehicle Steering Committee, under the
21 National Conference of Weights and Measures, recommended the
22 adoption of gallon equivalent standards; and

23 WHEREAS, the National Conference of Weights and Measures
24 continues to consider standards which would force consumers to buy

1 natural gas as a motor fuel under the metric system using the
2 kilogram unit of measurement; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature urges any state official involved
24 with the National Conference of Weights and Measures and acting in

1 an official capacity on behalf of the State of Oklahoma to strongly
2 reject any proposal proffered by the National Conference of Weights
3 and Measures which would require natural gas motor fuel to be sold
4 in units other than diesel and gasoline gallon equivalent.

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

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