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1 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.

2 BY HAHN, SIEGRIST, SCHRADER, EDDIE, MEYER, DREES,

3 BOGGESS, FREVERT, GREIG, GREINER, HEATON, HUSEMAN,

4 HOUSER, KLEMME, KOENIGS, KREIMAN, MAY, MERTZ, MUNDIE,

5 REYNOLDS-KNIGHT, SCHERRMAN, TEIG, WELTER, O'BRIEN,

6 LORD, RAYHONS, DRAKE, BRADLEY, DOLECHECK, BRAND,

7 WEIGEL, FOEGE, THOMAS, MYERS, BUKTA, COHOON, DOTZLER,

8 FALCK, KINZER, WHITEAD, WARNSTADT, OSTERHAUS, BERNAU,

9 HUSER, BELL, CONNORS, CHAPMAN, WISE, MORELAND,

10 MASCHER, WITT, MILLAGE, TYRRELL, VAN FOSSEN, HANSEN,

11 NELSON, CHURCHILL, RANTS, BRAUNS, DIX, JACOBS,

12 VANDE HOEF, HOLMES, WEIDMAN, THOMSON, VAN MAANEN,

13 CARROLL, METCALF, BLODGETT, VEENSTRA, ARNOLD,

14 LAMBERTI, LARSON, JENKINS, MARTIN, BRUNKHORST,

15 BODDICKER, GIPP, GRIES, CORBETT, and GRUNDBERG

16 (COMPANION TO LSB 2748SS BY BARTZ)

17 A Concurrent Resolution to request that the Congress of

18 the United States maintain and renew its commitment

19 to America's corn growers and this nation's ethanol

20 industry by supporting a tax exemption and by taking

21 other actions to increase this nation's commitment to

22 the production and use of ethanol.

23 WHEREAS, this nation is dependent upon the

24 consumption of ever-diminishing domestic crude oil

25 reserves with the United States annually importing

26 foreign petroleum which accounts for 54 percent of the

27 nation's petroleum consumption and contributes to the

28 nation's serious trade deficit; and

29 WHEREAS, a significant amount of this nation's air

30 pollution is caused by vehicles, emitting a variety of

1 petroleum-based pollutants, including benzene and
2 other aromatics, nitrous oxides, particulate matter in
3 the form of smoke and soot, carbon monoxide, and
4 carbon dioxide; and

5 WHEREAS, the state of Iowa ranks as a preeminent
6 agricultural state, leading the nation in the
7 production of corn; and

8 WHEREAS, the processing of corn into ethanol adds
9 value to this nation's abundant corn crop, increasing
10 net farm income, creating employment opportunities,
11 increasing state and federal tax receipts, reducing
12 this nation's dependence upon foreign nations, and
13 reducing the federal trade deficit; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1996 ethanol production contributed
15 \$1.9 billion to Iowa's economy, affected the
16 employment of 13,250 Iowans, and increased the value
17 of Iowa's corn crop by \$335 million; and

18 WHEREAS, ethanol provides competition in fuel
19 markets and expands consumers' choice of motor fuels
20 which has resulted in a 45 percent market share in the
21 state of Iowa; and

22 WHEREAS, motor fuel that includes only a 10 percent
23 blend of ethanol contains 3.5 percent oxygen, which
24 enhances octane levels and provides more oxygen for
25 fuel combustion resulting in reduced levels of
26 hazardous emissions such as carbon monoxide and which
27 provides Americans with healthier air to breathe; and

28 WHEREAS, the United States Congress in supporting
29 the need to reduce this nation's dependence upon
30 foreign petroleum, to provide additional markets for

1 domestic corn, to protect the public health, and to
2 preserve the nation's environment, has traditionally
3 encouraged ethanol production and consumption; and
4 WHEREAS, long-standing bipartisan congressional
5 support for the ethanol industry is reflected by the
6 5.4 cent federal tax exemption applicable to gasoline
7 formulated using clean burning ethanol; and

8 WHEREAS, the federal tax exemption, currently
9 scheduled to expire on December 31, 2000, is subject
10 to attack by certain members of the current session of
11 the 105th Congress of the United States, as manifested
12 by H.R. 161 introduced by United States Representative
13 Phil English and H.R. 587 introduced by United States
14 Representative Ken Bentsen, both supported by United
15 States Representative Bill Archer serving as the
16 Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee; NOW
17 THEREFORE,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE
19 SENATE CONCURRING, That the general assembly encourage
20 the Congress of the United States to resist all
21 efforts to diminish its traditional support of corn
22 growers and the ethanol industry.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Congress of the
24 United States renew this nation's commitment to the
25 ethanol industry, including by continuing its support
26 of the federal ethanol tax exemption, increasing its
27 commitment to this environmentally benevolent
28 renewable fuel, and taking other actions to increase
29 this nation's commitment to the production and use of
30 ethanol.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
2 Resolution be sent by the Chief Clerk of the House of
3 Representatives to the President of the United States.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
5 Resolution be sent by the Chief Clerk of the House of
6 Representatives to the President of the Senate of the
7 United States; the Speaker of the House of
8 Representatives of the United States; the majority and
9 minority leaders of the United States Senate; and the
10 majority and minority leaders of the United States
11 House of Representatives.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
13 Resolution be sent by the Chief Clerk of the House of
14 Representatives to the chairmen and ranking members of
15 the United States Senate Committee on Agriculture,
16 Nutrition, and Forestry; the United States Senate
17 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation;
18 the United States Senate Committee on Finance; the
19 United States Senate Committee on Energy and Natural
20 Resources; the United States House of Representatives
21 Committee on Agriculture; the United States House of
22 Representatives Committee on Ways and Means; the
23 United States House of Representatives Committee on
24 Transportation and Infrastructure; and the United
25 States House of Representatives Committee on
26 Resources.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
28 Resolution be sent by the Chief Clerk of the House of
29 Representatives to Iowa's congressional delegation.

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