



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Neglected maintenance leads to more than 2,600  
3 deaths, nearly 100,000 disabling injuries, and more than  
4 \$2,000,000,000 in lost wages, medical expenses, and property  
5 damage in the United States every year; and

6 WHEREAS, Over 70% of the vehicles on the road today are in  
7 need of some type of preventive maintenance; and

8 WHEREAS, According to the U.S. Environmental Protection  
9 Agency, 30% of vehicles are responsible for the majority of  
10 pollution emanating from motor vehicles; and

11 WHEREAS, Through proper maintenance, a 10-year-old car can  
12 produce less emissions than a poorly maintained 5-year-old  
13 vehicle; and

14 WHEREAS, Disabled vehicles are a major cause of highway  
15 congestion, which is avoidable with proper maintenance of  
16 critical vehicle systems; and

17 WHEREAS, Proper maintenance of key safety systems, such as  
18 brakes, air bags, and lights, will help the State reduce  
19 accidents and the accompanying injuries and fatalities; and

20 WHEREAS, Proper maintenance will reduce fuel usage by cars,  
21 therefore saving car owners money and reducing the emission of  
22 greenhouse gases; and

23 WHEREAS, Proper maintenance of the State's vehicle fleet  
24 will reduce long term operating costs and the need to purchase  
25 new vehicles; therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
27 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 April 2004 is officially designated as Car Care Month, and all  
2 motorists and State vehicle fleet administrators are urged to  
3 "Be Car Care Aware", to inspect their vehicles, and to perform,  
4 or have performed, all maintenance necessary to ensure their  
5 vehicle is operating in a safe, efficient, and clean manner;  
6 and be it further

7       RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
8 delivered to the Governor, the Secretary of State, the  
9 Secretary of Transportation, and the Director of the Illinois  
10 Environmental Protection Agency.