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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

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1 April 2005 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.