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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Propane, otherwise known as Liquefied Petroleum
3 Gas or LPG, is a by-product of natural gas processing and
4 petroleum refining; and

5 WHEREAS, Propane has been used as a transportation fuel
6 since the 1940s; and

7 WHEREAS, Propane can be used to replace gasoline in
8 light-duty vehicles and diesel in heavy-duty vehicles; and

9 WHEREAS, There are more than 270,000 on-road propane
10 vehicles in the United States and more than 10 million
11 worldwide; and

12 WHEREAS, Many of these vehicles are used in fleets,
13 including light-duty and heavy-duty trucks, buses, taxicabs,
14 police cars, and rental and delivery vehicles; and

15 WHEREAS, Certified installers can economically and
16 reliably retrofit many light-duty vehicles for propane
17 operation; and

18 WHEREAS, Compared with vehicles fueled with conventional
19 diesel and gasoline, propane-powered vehicles can produce

1 significantly lower amounts of some harmful emissions and the
2 greenhouse gas carbon dioxide; and

3 WHEREAS, According to the Propane Education and Research
4 Council, propane cuts emissions of toxins and carcinogens, such
5 as benzene and toluene, by up to 96% compared to gasoline; and

6 WHEREAS, Propane in its liquid state has the lowest
7 flammability range of any alternate fuel, which reduces the
8 chances of a vehicle fire in propane-powered vehicles; and

9 WHEREAS, Propane is non-toxic and slightly soluble, and it
10 biodegrades rapidly in soil, water, or air; and

11 WHEREAS, There are approximately 2,500 propane fueling
12 stations in the United States, which is the largest fueling
13 infrastructure of any alternative fuel; and

14 WHEREAS, According to the United States Department of
15 Energy Alternative Fuels and Advanced Vehicles Data Center,
16 there are approximately 74 propane fueling stations in
17 Illinois; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
20 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there is established a Joint

1 Task Force on Propane-Powered Vehicles to study the feasibility
2 of converting State and local governmental vehicles to
3 propane-powered vehicles; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Joint Task Force shall examine, at a
5 minimum, issues such as the availability of propane-powered
6 vehicles and their cost, the types of vehicles to be converted
7 to propane-powered vehicles, the potential costs and benefits
8 of converting vehicles to propane-powered vehicles, the
9 current infrastructure for the delivery of propane, the
10 availability of propane, and a potential timeframe for
11 converting State and local governmental vehicles to
12 propane-powered vehicles; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Joint Task Force shall be under the
14 Department of Central Management Services, which shall provide
15 staff support; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the members of the Joint Task Force shall
17 include: 2 members appointed by the President of the Senate; 2
18 members appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate; 2
19 members appointed by the Speaker of the House; 2 members
20 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House; the Director of
21 Central Management Services or his or her designee; the
22 President of the University of Illinois or his or her designee;
23 the Director of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency or

1 his or her designee; the Director of Commerce and Economic
2 Opportunity or his or her designee; one member of an
3 association representing municipal governments, appointed by
4 the Director of Central Management Services; one member of an
5 association representing county governments, appointed by the
6 Director of Central Management Services; one member of an
7 association representing the petroleum industry, appointed by
8 the Director of Central Management Services; one member of an
9 association representing petroleum marketers, appointed by the
10 Director of Central Management Services; one member
11 representing automobile manufacturers, appointed by the
12 Director of Central Management Services; one member
13 representing propane suppliers, appointed by the Director of
14 Central Management Services; one member of an association
15 representing environmental interests, appointed by the
16 Director of Central Management Services; one member of an
17 association representing school districts, appointed by the
18 Director of Central Management Services; and one member of an
19 association representing a statewide health organization,
20 appointed by the Director of Central Management Services; and
21 be it further

22 RESOLVED, That one member of each political party shall be
23 selected by the Joint Task Force to serve as co-chairpersons;
24 and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the Joint Task Force shall meet at the call
2 of the co-chairs and that the members shall serve without
3 compensation; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Joint Task Force shall report its
5 findings and recommendations to the Secretary of the Senate and
6 the Clerk of the House by July 1, 2010; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the Director of Central Management Services, the
9 Director of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, the
10 Director of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, and the
11 President of the University of Illinois.