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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, On April 20, 2010, the Deepwater Horizon oil rig,  
3 located approximately 50 miles off the coast of Louisiana,  
4 exploded and later sank in the Gulf of Mexico; and

5 WHEREAS, The Deepwater Horizon oil rig is owned by  
6 Transocean Ltd. and leased by BP PLC; and

7 WHEREAS, The accident killed 11 workers and generated an  
8 oil spill that is now endangering wildlife and businesses along  
9 the Gulf Coast; and

10 WHEREAS, Every day, thousands of gallons of oil continue to  
11 leak into the Gulf of Mexico as a result of this disaster; and

12 WHEREAS, Efforts are ongoing to curtail and contain the  
13 flow of oil into the Gulf of Mexico; and

14 WHEREAS, The oil slick that is being created by this  
15 accident is becoming one of the worst man-made environmental  
16 disasters in recent memory; and

17 WHEREAS, The oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico will likely  
18 have long-term economic and environmental effects; and

1           WHEREAS, This disaster reaffirms the need for a safe,  
2           diverse, reliable, and renewable energy supply, of which  
3           biofuels play a very important role and will help reduce our  
4           dependence on foreign oil; and

5           WHEREAS, Expanded production of biofuels would generate  
6           domestic economic development and create employment  
7           opportunities; and

8           WHEREAS, The production of biofuels pose fewer  
9           environmental threats than drilling for oil; therefore, be it

10          RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
11          NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
12          urge the continued growth and development of biofuels to help  
13          reduce our dependence on oil and help avert future  
14          environmental disasters caused by oil production; and be it  
15          further

16          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17          presented the Governor of Illinois, each member of the Illinois  
18          congressional delegation, the Illinois Farm Bureau, the  
19          Illinois Corn Growers Association, and the Illinois Soybean  
20          Association.