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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois owes a debt of gratitude to
3 the people of the United States of America, President Obama,
4 and the United States Congress for their continued support of
5 the domestic automobile industry; and

6 WHEREAS, In manufacturing, it is important to create a
7 product that is high in quality, yet affordable to the target
8 market, and is concurrently sustainable and profitable for the
9 producer; and

10 WHEREAS, Our economy, and the domestic auto industry in
11 particular, was faced with unprecedented challenges; these
12 challenges, which in large part emanated from a maelstrom of
13 rising energy costs, a massive credit crunch, and other global
14 economic forces, combined in a way that threatened the
15 existence of our nation's domestic automakers; and

16 WHEREAS, Clearly, this segment of our economy was far too
17 important to the State of Illinois and the United States to be
18 allowed to wither and potentially fail; and

19 WHEREAS, The U.S. automotive industry and the advancements
20 associated with automotive transportation have been the
21 lifeblood of the American economy for decades; American

1 automakers have been responsible for many of the most important
2 manufacturing advancements in the past century, and have been a
3 crucial part of the "Arsenal of Democracy" that helped assure
4 our victory in time of war; and

5 WHEREAS, Today, more than 3 million direct and indirect
6 American jobs and countless numbers of retirees are dependent
7 on the domestic automotive industry; therefore, a strong
8 showing of support for our domestic automakers was critical at
9 that important juncture in our nation's history; and

10 WHEREAS, Illinois auto workers produce the Ford Explorer,
11 Ford Taurus, and Lincoln MKS in Chicago, the Dodge Caliber,
12 Jeep Compass, Jeep Patriot, and Dodge Dart in Belvidere, and
13 the Mitsubishi Gallant and Outlander Sport in Normal; and

14 WHEREAS, An American-made vehicle can be identified as an
15 automobile with a Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) that
16 begins with a 1, 4, or 5; and

17 WHEREAS, Latest reports indicate that strong profits are
18 being earned across the board by all 3 domestic auto
19 manufacturers; and

20 WHEREAS, By taking difficult but necessary action, the
21 American people have helped the auto industry add back more

1 than 200,000 jobs, the best period of job growth for the
2 industry in more than a decade; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we bestow our highest gratitude to those consumers in this
6 State and the nation at large who believed that the domestic
7 auto industry was too important to let die; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That we give our highest praise to our domestic
9 auto industry, who, on their darkest day, found a way to
10 continue to do business in a way that is both profitable and
11 sustainable for generations to come; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
13 transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the
14 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the
15 members of the Illinois Congressional delegation; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That we urge all Illinois legislators and
18 citizens to support their neighbors, their community, and their
19 country by considering an American-made car for their next
20 automobile purchase.