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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois, and much of the United
3 States, has experienced historical cold and record levels of
4 snowfall over the 2013-2014 winter; and

5 WHEREAS, Propane gas is how thousands of rural central
6 Illinoisians heat their homes, normally a fairly
7 cost-effective way to do so; 55,000,000 people in the U.S.,
8 most of them located in the Midwest or South, use propane to
9 heat their homes; and

10 WHEREAS, The extreme winter has caused propane usage in
11 Illinois to rise between 20% and 30%; the combination of high
12 usage and historically low propane inventory levels has created
13 a shortage; this shortage has caused prices for propane to jump
14 considerably, putting an increased financial burden on those
15 who use the gas; and

16 WHEREAS, Governor Pat Quinn has declared a propane
17 emergency in Illinois, a first in State history, to try and
18 ease the financial strain; this declaration eases driving
19 regulations on trucks delivering propane from other states; and

20 WHEREAS, Various federal trucking regulations, most
21 notably, weight limits for trucks on roads, limits the amount

1 of propane that can be transported, contributing to the current
2 shortage and increasing prices; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge President
5 Barack Obama to temporarily increase the amount of trucking
6 weight allowed on the country's interstate highways from 80,000
7 to 100,000, in to order ease the propane shortage, and in doing
8 so, drive down the price of propane; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
10 presented to President Barack Obama, United States Secretary of
11 Transportation Anthony Foxx, and Illinois Propane Gas
12 Association Board President Jim Jackson.