

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The President has proposed a federal energy plan
3 which recommends increasing and diversifying the nation's
4 sources of alternative fuels in order to provide reliable and
5 affordable energy; and

6 WHEREAS, Illinois is the nation's largest producer of
7 ethanol, an important alternative fuel, producing over six
8 hundred and eighty-five million gallons of ethanol annually
9 from 274 million bushels of corn; and

10 WHEREAS, U. S. Senators Richard Durbin and Peter
11 Fitzgerald co-sponsored and passed a resolution supporting a
12 nationwide phase-out of MTBE (Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether)
13 and supporting the promotion of ethanol as a replacement; and

14 WHEREAS, The Illinois General Assembly passed the MTBE
15 Elimination Act (Public Act 92-0132) which phases out the use
16 of MTBE in Illinois over a three year period; and

17 WHEREAS, Congress is considering energy legislation which
18 encourages the use of renewable, domestic fuels, such as
19 ethanol, and phases out the use of MTBE in gasoline over a
20 period of four years; and

21 WHEREAS, Congress is also considering legislation to
22 allow drilling for oil and gas in the Arctic National
23 Wildlife Refuge which is federally protected land and one of
24 the nation's important and irreplaceable biological reserves;
25 therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
27 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
28 the U. S. Congress is urged to pass legislation establishing
29 a national energy policy which encourages the use of ethanol
30 as a alternate fuel, phases out the use of MTBE as an fuel

1 additive, and protects the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in
2 Alaska from irreparable harm by prohibiting the drilling for
3 oil and gas; and

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives,
6 the Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate, and all members of
7 the Illinois congressional delegation.