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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The E-15 fuel blend utilizes a combination of
3 renewable ethanol and gasoline to enhance the longevity of our
4 nation's fuel supply, while maintaining the common and
5 everyday usage of motor vehicles; and

6 WHEREAS, The use of corn to produce ethanol for motor fuel
7 is a proven source of renewable, clean, and sustainable energy
8 that makes motor fuel more affordable for the average
9 Illinoisan; and

10 WHEREAS, The ethanol by-products that are produced during
11 the distillation of ethanol for motor fuel are recyclable,
12 proving beneficial by turning waste products into a valuable,
13 renewable, and sustainable resource; and

14 WHEREAS, Both wet and dry distillers' grains are often
15 used in high-protein livestock feed; the carbon dioxide
16 created during the fermentation process is then captured and
17 used for carbonation in the food and beverage industry, for
18 fire extinguishers, and in greenhouses; and

19 WHEREAS, Illinois is the second largest corn-producing
20 state in the nation and accounts for roughly 15% of the total
21 U.S. corn production; the various uses of corn not only as a

1 source of food but also as a job-producing endeavor enhances
2 the economic outlook of Illinois; and

3 WHEREAS, Illinois corn production for 2023 and 2024
4 totaled over 2 billion bushels of corn per year, and in 2025,
5 Illinois corn production is estimated to be at 2.35 billion
6 bushels produced; and

7 WHEREAS, Illinois farmers, especially row-crop farmers,
8 are affected by variable factors that cannot be accounted for,
9 including tariffs and unforeseen weather events, but these
10 issues can be mitigated by the year-round sale of E-15 motor
11 fuel blends due to the near guarantee of improving our
12 domestic renewable fuel marketplace; and

13 WHEREAS, Illinois is the home of some of the most nutrient
14 rich and healthy soil in the United States, capable of
15 producing world-class grains, vegetables, and fruit, and the
16 utilization of one of Illinois' most vital and abundant
17 natural resources is a key aspect of economic growth,
18 conservation research, and overall better stewardship of our
19 natural environment; and

20 WHEREAS, E-15 motor fuel blends support domestic biofuel
21 production research and help secure domestic energy
22 independence, while strengthening Illinois farmers'

1 livelihoods and affordable motor fuel for all Illinoisans;
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
4 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we urge for the support and passage of the federal Nationwide
6 Consumer and Fuel Retailer Choice Act, which offers a
7 permanent, national solution to allow the year-round,
8 nationwide sale of E-15 fuel blends; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
10 delivered to the Illinois Farm Bureau, IL Corn, and all
11 members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation.