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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Vehicular hijackings are a particularly dangerous
3 crime that is now at historic levels in numerous cities across
4 the country, leaving untold numbers of residents frightened
5 that they could become the next victim, even in their own
6 driveways; and

7 WHEREAS, Vehicular hijackings too frequently leave victims
8 severely injured or dead, and the vehicles are often used to
9 commit additional violent acts throughout communities; and

10 WHEREAS, Generally, vehicular hijackings are hard to solve
11 because offenders ditch the vehicles or change vehicles
12 frequently to avoid capture and detection; and

13 WHEREAS, Many vehicles made after 2015 have location
14 technology that would enable law enforcement to quickly locate
15 a vehicle after a hijacking incident, but automakers, car
16 dealers, and third party providers have not created an
17 efficient system to quickly convey this location information
18 to law enforcement; and

19 WHEREAS, Some auto manufacturers or third party data
20 providers are not available after-hours or on weekends to
21 provide location information to law enforcement, and some

1 refuse to provide the information even if legally able to do so
2 or require vehicle owners to pay a fee to access the
3 information; and

4 WHEREAS, A 24-hour hotline for law enforcement to access
5 location information, when available, will allow law
6 enforcement to more quickly locate hijacked vehicles,
7 increasing the chance of catching and prosecuting offenders
8 and reducing subsequent violent crimes; and

9 WHEREAS, Consumer privacy can be protected under such a
10 system by requiring an owner's consent absent extenuating
11 circumstances in which there is a clear and present danger of
12 bodily harm or death; and

13 WHEREAS, The Illinois General Assembly has approved such a
14 system for auto manufacturers that sell vehicles in Illinois,
15 that included a unanimous vote in the Senate; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge members of the
18 Illinois Congressional Delegation and all members of the U.S.
19 House of Representatives and Senate to prioritize working with
20 law enforcement, auto manufacturers, and consumer advocates to
21 establish national tools for addressing and responding to the
22 alarming growth in vehicular hijackings, including the

1 creation of a national hotline for providing efficient access
2 to vehicle location information to law enforcement in
3 vehicular hijacking incidents; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
5 delivered to the U.S. Senate Majority Leader, the U.S. Senate
6 Minority Leader, the U.S. Speaker of the House, the U.S. House
7 of Representatives Minority Leader, all members of the
8 Illinois Congressional Delegation, the Alliance for Automotive
9 Innovation, and the National Automobile Dealers Association.