

House Concurrent Resolution No. 24

91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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2 **Whereas**, recent high fuel prices have alerted us to the need to improve our nation's
3 policies on fuel production; and
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5 **Whereas**, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) has recently
6 suggested that they will reduce crude oil production again in an attempt to manipulate prices; and
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8 **Whereas**, reductions in crude oil production have resulted in sharp increases in prices for
9 natural gas, gasoline and home heating oil; and
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11 **Whereas**, the United States has become dangerously dependent on foreign petroleum; and
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13 **Whereas**, Missouri consumers are experiencing higher prices at the pump and in home
14 heating costs, and the economic stability of many areas of the state which rely on tourism may be
15 jeopardized if the number of persons traveling to Missouri's vacation destinations is significantly reduced
16 due to increased gasoline prices; and
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18 **Whereas**, the trucking industry, heavily dependent on the availability and price of gasoline
19 and diesel fuel, has been especially hard hit by the increase in fuel costs that have resulted in a
20 significant increase in the transportation costs associated with the delivery of consumer goods throughout
21 the state. Such an increase in cost to the trucking industry will inevitably be passed along to consumers
22 as an increase in the price of consumer goods; and
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24 **Whereas**, the increased petroleum fuel costs is particularly detrimental to Missouri family
25 farmers because it comes at a time when overall market prices are low; and
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27 **Whereas**, fuel prices could be reduced by increasing domestic production and encouraging
28 the development of markets for products that can be used as the source material for renewable alternative
29 fuels:
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31 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
32 Representatives of the Ninety-first General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate concurring
33 therein, hereby urge the United States Congress to actively address the issue of fuel prices and take
34 immediate actions necessary to reduce our nation's dependency on foreign petroleum sources and boost
35 our own economy by:

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37 (1) Enacting reasonable price supports for domestically produced crude oil and in other ways
38 encouraging exploration for domestic petroleum sources in a manner that does not adversely impact the
39 environment;

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41 (2) Encouraging and creating incentives for fuel conservation measures that do not harm the
42 economy; and

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44 (3) Encouraging and creating incentives for research, development and use of alternative fuel
45 sources, including ethanol and other fuels made from renewable materials that would not only reduce
46 our dependency on foreign petroleum, but also have the potential to improve environmental protection
47 and boost local economies; and

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49 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
50 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the Speaker of
51 the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate and each member
52 of the Missouri Congressional delegation.