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**HOUSE  
RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

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*Introduced by: Aylesworth*

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION concerning the Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Programs in Lake and Porter Counties.

*Whereas, The motor vehicle inspection and maintenance (I/M) programs in Lake and Porter Counties were begun under federal requirements in 1984 because Lake and Porter Counties were not in "attainment" of federal standards for ozone;*

*Whereas, According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), cars and trucks collectively are the single greatest contributor to ground-level ozone, the major component of smog;*

*Whereas, The purpose of an I/M program is to reduce*

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*ground-level ozone by ensuring that the emission control systems on vehicles are working correctly;*

*Whereas, An I/M program cannot reduce the ground-level ozone caused by a vehicle if the vehicle is not subject to the I/M program;*

*Whereas, Generally, only vehicles registered in Lake and Porter Counties are subject to the I/M programs in Lake and Porter Counties;*

*Whereas, Lake and Porter Counties in northwest Indiana are crossed by Interstate Highway 80/90 and Interstate Highway 94, two of the most heavily traveled highways in the Midwest, and Lake County is also crossed by Interstate Highway 65, another heavily traveled highway linking major southern cities with Chicago;*

*Whereas, The I/M programs, therefore, cannot do anything to address a major source of ground-level ozone in Lake and Porter Counties; namely, the many motor vehicles passing through Lake and Porter Counties on Interstate Highways 80/90, 94, and 65;*

*Whereas, The United States EPA itself predicts that remote sensing technologies may soon offer the potential for a fast and convenient way to identify high-emitting vehicles by taking a "snapshot" of a vehicle's emissions as it passes by a sensor located on the side of the road; and*

*Whereas, The United States EPA's establishment this past October of a new, lower ozone standard of 70 parts per billion makes this an appropriate point for federal and state environmental regulators to appraise the ozone control measures in place and consider whether new measures should replace them: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives urges the
- 2 Environmental Protection Agency to revise or eliminate the
- 3 requirements under which the motor vehicle inspection and



1 maintenance (I/M) programs in Lake and Porter Counties are operated.  
2 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
3 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Gina McCarthy,  
4 the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection  
5 Agency, and to Susan Hedman, Administrator for Region 5 Office of  
6 the Environmental Protection Agency in Chicago.

