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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 180

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to operate United States Postal Office motor vehicles with natural gas.

WHEREAS, since its founding in 1775, the United States Postal Service has been an indispensable part of the country's communication network; and

WHEREAS, the modern United States Postal Office has struggled to compete with the package delivery services of the Federal Express and the United Parcel Service; and

WHEREAS, with the decline in first class mail volume and increased competition in package delivery, the United States Postal Office loses billions every year; and

WHEREAS, in attempts to stay solvent the United States Postal Office has delivered more junk mail, closed smaller postal offices, and considered ending mail deliveries on Saturdays; and

WHEREAS, one avenue that the United States Postal Office has not explored is the operation of the Postal Service motor vehicle fleet on natural gas; and

WHEREAS, on average natural gas costs one-third less than gasoline at the pump and natural gas is convenient and abundant; and

WHEREAS, natural gas prices have exhibited significant stability compared to oil prices and this stability makes it easier to plan accurately for long-term costs; and

WHEREAS, natural gas vehicles have lower maintenance costs because the gas burns cleanly resulting in less wear and tear on engines; and

WHEREAS, the operation of the fleet of the United States Postal Service vehicles on natural gas would be an excellent way to save the United States Postal Service millions of dollars each year while making their vehicles safer and more efficient.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to operate the fleet of the United States Postal Service vehicles on natural gas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE