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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Members of the House of Representatives should use alternative fuel vehicles in their professional and personal lives.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CLEAVER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Members of the House of Representatives should use alternative fuel vehicles in their professional and personal lives.

Whereas the national average price of a gallon of gasoline has doubled in the past 3 years;

Whereas the need to end the Nation's dependence on foreign oil is a vital component of homeland security;

Whereas the world's supply of oil is limited and unstable, and therefore the need to develop new energy technologies is pressing;

Whereas alternative sources of energy such as ethanol, hydrogen, and electricity have been proven effective and efficient in powering passenger vehicles;

Whereas there have been several pieces of legislation introduced in the House of Representatives to address the growing problem of high gas prices and the need to utilize alternative sources of energy, including the CLEAR Act, which would restrict the use of Members' Representational Allowances for vehicle payments to only alternative fuel vehicles;

Whereas Members of Congress should follow their own example of setting forth legislation that encourages the use of alternatively fueled vehicles;

Whereas in 2005 the total cost of automobile leases for Members of Congress surpassed \$1 million, and a collective switch to alternative fuel vehicles, hybrid vehicles, or vehicles powered by bio-fuels could potentially save American taxpayers thousands of dollars annually; and

Whereas the General Services Administration has already purchased over 68,000 alternative fueled vehicles for the use of Federal customers, more than any other organization in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 representatives that Members of the House should take the
3 lead in reducing the Nation's dependence on foreign oil
4 and promoting innovative energy technologies by using al-
5 ternative fuel vehicles in their professional and personal
6 lives.

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