

House Resolution

No. 14

Introduced by Assembly Member Ruskin

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House Resolution No. 14—Relative to Alternative Fuel Awareness Month.

1 WHEREAS, The state of California has set the world's most
2 ambitious target for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, with goals
3 to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 25 percent by 2020 and another
4 80 percent by 2050; and

5 WHEREAS, California had more than 33 million registered
6 motor vehicles and 23.7 million registered drivers in 2007, more
7 than any other state in the nation; and

8 WHEREAS, Transportation fuels are responsible for 41 percent
9 of our state's greenhouse gas emissions, making it imperative that
10 we reduce our dependence on oil while still meeting our enormous
11 transportation needs; and

12 WHEREAS, California establishes first-of-its-kind goals to
13 reduce the carbon intensity of California's passenger vehicle fuels
14 by at least 10 percent by 2020 and establish a Low Carbon Fuel
15 Standard for transportation fuels; and

16 WHEREAS, California's renewable fuels market will more than
17 double as California becomes home to more than 7 million
18 alternative fuel or hybrid vehicles in the next 10 years, 20 times
19 more than are on our roads today; and

20 WHEREAS, President Obama announced a goal of putting one
21 million plug-in hybrids (PHEVs) on the road by 2015 and a PHEV
22 consumer can now receive up to \$7,500 in federal tax credits, plus

1 a grant of up to \$5,000 from the California Air Resources Board
2 if a PHEV is purchased within a specified time period; and

3 WHEREAS, California has become the world’s testing ground
4 for cutting edge fuel, vehicle, and infrastructure advancement
5 through organizations like the University of California, Davis
6 Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicle Research Center and Project Better
7 Place; and

8 WHEREAS, Californians need to be educated about these truly
9 revolutionary changes in clean fuel and vehicle technology and
10 made aware of the significant impact their choice of car can have
11 on the environment; and

12 WHEREAS, According to a 2008 American Automobile
13 Association survey, 84 percent of participants said they have made
14 some effort to learn about hybrids and alternative fuels and 89
15 percent said they would like more education on these topics; now,
16 therefore, be it

17 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
18 month of November, 2009 is hereby officially designated as
19 Alternative Fuel Awareness Month; and be it further

20 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
21 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.