

## House Concurrent Resolution No. 5029

By Committee on Environment  
(By request of Select Joint Committee on Energy)

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10 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the United States Congress  
11 to prohibit the use of methyl tertiary butyl ether as an additive in  
12 gasoline by January 1, 2010.  
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14 WHEREAS, Methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE), a derivative of nat-  
15 ural gas, has been used as an octane booster in gasoline, following the  
16 phase-out of leaded gasoline; and

17 WHEREAS, MTBE is added to reformulated gasoline in order to  
18 comply with federally mandated efforts to improve air quality in the na-  
19 tion's most polluted areas and to reduce emissions of benzene and other  
20 ozone-forming aromatic compounds associated with gasoline; and

21 WHEREAS, The United States Environmental Protection Agency  
22 lists MTBE as a possible human carcinogen; and

23 WHEREAS, MTBE, leaking from underground storage tanks and dis-  
24 charged as unburned fuel from two-stroke motorboats and jet skis, mi-  
25 grates readily to water supplies; and

26 WHEREAS, The compound poses a significant risk of contaminating  
27 water supplies, including groundwater sources; and

28 WHEREAS, MTBE has unique chemical properties that make it  
29 highly soluble and allow it to migrate through drinking water supplies,  
30 giving the water a turpentine odor in minute quantities; and

31 WHEREAS, MTBE does not degrade as readily as other gasoline ad-  
32 ditives, which creates significant clean-up and remediation costs at con-  
33 taminated sites; and

34 WHEREAS, Ethanol-blended gasoline is an environmentally safe ox-  
35 ygenate enhancer that may be used in reformulated gasoline in order to  
36 comply with the requirements of the federal Clean Air Act: Now,  
37 therefore,

38 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas,*  
39 *the Senate concurring therein:* That the State of Kansas urges the  
40 United States Congress act to prohibit use of MTBE as an additive in  
41 gasoline sold in this nation by January 1, 2010; and

42 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State is directed to send  
43 enrolled copies of this resolution to the President of the United States,

- 1 the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency,
- 2 the President of the Senate of the United States, the Speaker of the
- 3 House of Representatives of the United States and each member of the
- 4 Kansas Congressional Delegation.