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**Resolution on Low Carbon Fuel Standards**

- WHEREAS,** transportation and off-road fuels in the U.S. contain vast opportunities to achieve substantial reductions of carbon emissions; and
- WHEREAS,** the establishment of a Low Carbon Fuel Standard is an effective strategy to achieve substantial reductions of carbon emissions; and
- WHEREAS,** oxygenated biofuels have been proven to reduce the carbon intensity of transportation and off-road fuel; and
- WHEREAS,** indirect land use life cycle analysis models of biofuels contain highly sensitive assumptions, uncertainties and challenges that need more study and validation; and
- WHEREAS,** innovative technologies that diversify feedstock uses, advanced seed genetics that increase feedstock yields, and the implementation of modern conservation farming practices and other resourceful processes will continue to increase the energy ratio of biofuels; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** the Midwestern Legislative Conference recommends that a deliberate and studied analysis of the life cycle pathways of all fuels (biofuels and fossil fuels), utilizing the most current data, should be used to guide and establish public policy to ensure substantially lower carbon emissions; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** that this resolution be submitted to the legislative energy committee chairs in the Midwestern states and California; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** that this resolution shall be transmitted to Midwestern members of the U.S. House and Senate Energy Committees.