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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 180

## BY REPRESENTATIVE ORTEGO

FUELS: Memorializes congress to use natural gas in post office vehicles

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to operate
3	United States Postal Office motor vehicles with natural gas.
4	WHEREAS, since its founding in 1775, the United States Postal Service has been
5	an indispensable part of the country's communication network; and
6	WHEREAS, the modern United States Postal Office has struggled to compete with
7	the package delivery services of the Federal Express and the United Parcel Service; and
8	WHEREAS, with the decline in first class mail volume and increased competition
9	in package delivery, the United States Postal Office loses billions every year; and
10	WHEREAS, in attempts to stay solvent the United States Postal Office has delivered
11	more junk mail, closed smaller postal offices, and considered ending mail deliveries on
12	Saturdays; and
13	WHEREAS, one avenue that the United States Postal Office has not explored is the
14	operation of the Postal Service motor vehicle fleet on natural gas; and
15	WHEREAS, on average natural gas costs one-third less than gasoline at the pump
16	and natural gas is convenient and abundant; and
17	WHEREAS, natural gas prices have exhibited significant stability compared to oil
18	prices and this stability makes it easier to plan accurately for long-term costs; and
19	WHEREAS, natural gas vehicles have lower maintenance costs because the gas
20	burns cleanly resulting in less wear and tear on engines; and

- 1 WHEREAS, the operation of the fleet of the United States Postal Service vehicles
- 2 on natural gas would be an excellent way to save the United States Postal Service millions
- 3 of dollars each year while making their vehicles safer and more efficient.
- 4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
- 5 memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to operate the
- 6 fleet of the United States Postal Service vehicles on natural gas.
- 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
- 8 presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the
- 9 United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

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