MISSOURI ENERGY TASK FORCE RESOLUTION #4

WHEREAS, reliable and affordable energy is essential to the welfare of Missouri Citizens; and

WHEREAS, Governor Blunt has appointed the Missouri Energy Task Force to provide specific recommendations to lessen Missouri's dependence on oil and other fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, Governor Blunt has appointed the Missouri Energy Task Force to provide specific recommendations to promote the development of alternative fuel sources in ways that strengthen the economy of rural Missouri; and

- WHEREAS, Governor Blunt believes the state should lead by example; and
- **WHEREAS**, Governor Blunt has recommended establishing a statewide standard for fuels to contain at least 10% ethanol in Missouri; and
- WHEREAS, there have been studies performed that development of the ethanol industry in Missouri would infuse millions of investment dollars into rural communities all across Missouri, wherever ethanol plants are located; and
- WHEREAS, a statewide ethanol standard will benefit all Missourians by moving our state toward energy independence and providing an affordable, plentiful alternative to regular gasoline.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Missouri Energy Task Force recommends that the Members of the Missouri House of Representatives and the Missouri Senate expedite passage of legislation, and that such legislation ensures that consumers have an affordable and plentiful alternative to regular gasoline. **THEREFORE**, be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to all members of the Missouri General Assembly.