

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION establishing an "Automotive Caucus" within the Kentucky General Assembly.

WHEREAS, Kentucky's automotive industry is one of the largest manufacturing industries in the state, employing 85,000 people in more than 460 automotive-related businesses throughout nearly two-thirds of Kentucky counties, and ranking as the state's second largest export industry, with \$5.9 billion in exports in 2014 representing over 20% of the state's total exports; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky's automotive industry intersects with the state's other industries to produce a combined direct, indirect, and induced economic impact of \$14.3 billion in gross state product, 136,500 jobs, \$6 billion in payroll, and over \$600 million in state and local tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky's automotive industry is competitive nationally, ranking third in the nation in passenger vehicle production, producing one out of every nine passenger cars, light trucks, or SUV's made in the United States; fifth in automotive industry employment; and third in automotive employment as a percentage of total state employment; and

WHEREAS, to further advance and promote Kentucky's automotive industry, there was recently established an industry-led Kentucky Automotive Industry Association with the stated goal of advancing the industry and creating an environment for growth; and

WHEREAS, it is advisable for the Commonwealth of Kentucky to continue to press its competitive advantage, to explore and devise paths to continued growth and vitality, and to address the challenges and opportunities presented in the automotive industry; and

WHEREAS, a legislative caucus dedicated to the automotive industry would allow the General Assembly to take a leading role in working with industry and others to retain and grow this major manufacturing sector;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Senate concurring therein:

➔Section 1. There is hereby established a nonpartisan, bicameral caucus within the Kentucky General Assembly to be called the Kentucky Automotive Caucus.

➔Section 2. The Kentucky Automotive Caucus shall work to promote and develop initiatives in the Kentucky General Assembly that further the economic interests of the Commonwealth by encouraging the growth and vitality of the automotive industry. The caucus shall work closely with industry organizations such as the Kentucky Automotive Industry Association and others to achieve these goals.

➔Section 3. It is respectfully requested that the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives support the creation of the Kentucky Automotive Caucus by encouraging members of each chamber actively to participate in the caucus.