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**Resolution to Restore to the States the Ability to Safely Regulate Vehicle Weight and Size to Meet their Transportation Needs**

Did you know that global corporation Kraft Foods was the corporate co-chair in 2011?

**Summary**

A Resolution for the purpose of petitioning the Congress of the United States to restore to the states the ability to safely regulate vehicle weight and size to meet their transportation needs.

**Model Resolution**

{Title, enacting clause, etc.}

**WHEREAS** historically the state legislatures have demonstrated a better working knowledge than the federal government has of each individual state's transportation needs and abilities; and

**WHEREAS** states are uniquely dependent upon advanced highway and vehicle transport technology to serve their agricultural, manufacturing, forest and other economic needs as well as imports and exports; and

**WHEREAS** states will recognize their full economic potential as they establish compatible truck size and weight standards and operational conditions and remove institutional barriers between the states; and

**WHEREAS** years of cooperative industry/government research testing operations prove that freight can be transported in vehicles that safely and efficiently serve the needs of the shippers and consumers at lower cost while also serving national goals of improving highway safety, reducing fuel consumption, engine emissions, noise traffic congestion and accidents; and

**WHEREAS** states need flexibility to enter into agreements to cooperatively pursue compatible regional operational systems, advanced technology systems and to develop regional trade corridors.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that individual states shall be responsible for determining their transportation system's operational and safety requirements in keeping with the federal governments stated goal to provide more initiative and authority to state and local governments; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that congress should remove the national restrictions that prevent the use of regionally compatible commercial vehicles and operating systems. The states should be able to individually and collectively coordinate truck size and weight operating and permit regulations that promote safety and regional economic enhancement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the clerk of the (House of Representatives or Senate) transmits copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to each Member of Congress of the United States.

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