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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. STABENOW submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Finance

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the Consumer Assistance to Recycle and Save Act of 2009 (49 U.S.C. 32901 note) established the CARS Program to jumpstart automobile sales and increase fuel efficiency nationwide by providing incentives to purchase new fuel efficient automobiles;

Whereas, on August 25, 2009, a total of 677,842 new vehicles had been purchased through the CARS Program;

Whereas according to the United States Department of Transportation, over 319,000 Japanese made automobiles were purchased through the CARS Program;

Whereas the CARS Program was open to automobiles manufactured in countries other than the United States, the rebate associated with the current and planned extension of the Eco-Friendly Vehicle Purchase Program in Japan does not apply to automobiles made by United States automobile manufacturers; and

Whereas the Senate finds that by maintaining and extending the Eco-Friendly Vehicle Purchase Program, the Government of Japan is engaging in unfair and discriminatory measures contrary to Japan's obligations under the agreements of the World Trade Organization Agreement: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

2 (1) the President should direct the United
3 States Trade Representative to continue to negotiate
4 with the Government of Japan to eliminate the un-
5 fair and discriminatory measures relating to Japan's
6 Eco-Friendly Vehicle Purchase Program; and

7 (2) if the United States Trade Representative is
8 not able to obtain a satisfactory agreement with the
9 Government of Japan, the United States Trade Rep-
10 resentative shall initiate consultations under the
11 framework of the World Trade Organization.

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