

**Suspend the Rules And Agree to the Resolution, H.Res. 907 with
Amendments**

**(The amendments consist of a new preamble and a complete new
text)**

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 907

Congratulating the X PRIZE Foundation's leadership in inspiring a new
generation of viable, super-efficient vehicles.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 19, 2007

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on Science and Technology

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the X PRIZE Foundation's leadership in
inspiring a new generation of viable, super-efficient vehicles.

Whereas the United States is heavily dependent on foreign
sources of oil that are concentrated in tumultuous coun-
tries and regions;

Whereas the national security and economic prosperity of the
United States demand that we move toward a sustainable
energy future;

Whereas the ability of foreign governments to assert great
control over oil production allows unfriendly regimes to

use energy exports as leverage against the United States and our allies;

Whereas continued reliance on the use of greenhouse gas intensive fuels may impact global climate change;

Whereas the automotive sector is heavily dependent on oil, which makes Americans vulnerable to oil price fluctuation and is a major source of greenhouse gas emissions;

Whereas average fuel economy in the United States has increased slowly during the last 20 years;

Whereas many promising technologies exist that can lead to a breakthrough vehicle that will meet the need for sustainable transportation;

Whereas breakthroughs are often achieved by the free market fueling the entrepreneurial spirit of inventors and investors;

Whereas the Automotive X PRIZE is a private, independent, technology-neutral competition being developed by the X PRIZE Foundation to inspire a new generation of viable, super-efficient vehicles that help break our addiction to oil and stem the effects of climate change;

Whereas the Automotive X PRIZE will award a multimillion dollar reward to teams that can design, build, and demonstrate production-capable vehicles that achieve 100 MPG or its equivalent; and

Whereas such prize competitions generate involvement and innovation across a broad spectrum of known and untapped talent such as the \$25,000 Orteig Prize won by Charles Lindbergh which leveraged \$400,000 worth of additional research by teams trying to win the prize and spurred a \$250,000,000,000 aviation industry, and the \$10,000,000 Ansari X Prize which leveraged

\$100,000,000 worth of additional research: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) congratulates the X PRIZE Foundation's
3 leadership for inspiring a new generation of viable,
4 super-efficient vehicles that help break our addiction
5 to oil through the Automotive X PRIZE competi-
6 tion;

7 (2) congratulates the X PRIZE Foundation on
8 their innovation and vision to bring together some of
9 the finest minds in the public and private sectors,
10 including government, academia, and industry, to
11 advise and participate in the Automotive X PRIZE
12 competition; and

13 (3) applauds the X PRIZE Foundation's ongo-
14 ing commitment to find solutions to some of human-
15 ity's greatest challenges as exemplified in the Auto-
16 motive X PRIZE.