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Rep. May Works to Bring Ethanol Gas Pumps to North Shore

HIGHLAND PARK – State Rep. Karen May (D-Highland Park) last Tuesday announced that legislation unanimously passed out of the House to help local gas stations install gas pumps to deliver E-85, ethanol fuel.

“Municipalities have expressed their desire to offer E-85 so that their fleets can fill up with the cheaper, cleaner gas,” said May. “I worked hard with the corn growers to make sure that money was attached to this legislation for cost sharing, so it will be easier to bring ethanol to our community.”

May’s Ethanol Task Force, made up of local residents, has been discussing what to do about the higher costs of building new gas tanks and pumps to distribute E-85 in the district. Following the task force’s recommendations, she was able to work with Illinois Farm Bureau and Corn Grower’s Association to offer grants for the installation and delivery of E-85. Beginning in 2008, up to \$3.5 million will be available for local businesses and municipalities to update their pumps for ethanol compatibility.

“State money is already helping Illinois farmers produce more ethanol, and I think we should make sure that this cheaper, cleaner gasoline alternative is available to all Illinois residents,” May said. “Right now there is not a single ethanol pump in Chicago or along the North Shore. I will continue to work to bring Ethanol to the 58th District.”

House Bill 2106 awaits action in the Senate. For more information, visit www.ilga.gov, or contact May at (847) 433-9100.

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