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## **Representative Montell Supports Motorcycle and Scooter Ride to Work Day**

During the 2009 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly, State Representative Brad Montell sponsored a resolution to recognize the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Motorcycle and Scooter Ride to Work Day. House Resolution 145 declared Monday, June 15, 2009 as Motorcycle and Scooter Ride to Work Day across the Commonwealth and recognized the positive effects that motorcycles have on the environment and Kentucky.

“According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, as of 2003, there were 5,370,000 motorcycles regularly in use in the United States. As of 2003, these 5,370,000 motorcycles traveled an average of 1,800 miles a year per motorcycle,” said Representative Brad Montell (R-Shelbyville). “It is important, in these tough economic times, to take measures to conserve energy and money, riding motorcycles and scooters is one way to do that.”

More motorcycles and scooters in the mix of vehicles makes urban parking easier and traffic flow better, according to Ride to Work, a non-profit advocacy organization. Studies have also shown that across the same distances, the average cycle or scooter rider will reach their destinations in less time than automobile drivers. Many motorcycles and scooters also consume fewer resources per mile than automobiles.

Participation in this event is estimated to triple the number of riders on the road. Motorcycle and scooter groups and organizations actively encourage riders to commute by cycle on this day.

Representative Montell added, “I encourage employers across the Commonwealth to embrace this movement. I also encourage all Kentuckians to be aware that on Monday there will be more two-wheeled vehicles on the road.”

For more information on Motorcycle and Scooter Ride to Work Day you can visit [www.ridetowork.org](http://www.ridetowork.org) .

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