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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Granite City Works steel mill has operated
3 since 1878; it was originally founded by brothers, William and
4 Frederick Niedringhaus, as the Granite Iron Rolling Mills, and
5 most recently, owned by United States Steel Corporation; and

6 WHEREAS, The Granite City Works has been an industry leader
7 in sheet steel products for customers in the construction,
8 container, piping and tubing, service center, and automotive
9 industries; and

10 WHEREAS, Granite City Works has an annual raw steelmaking
11 capability of 2.8 million net tons; and

12 WHEREAS, Global influences in the market such as reduced
13 steel prices, unfair trade practices, imports, and fluctuating
14 oil prices, continue to have a dramatic negative impact on the
15 steel production industry; and

16 WHEREAS, Domestic steelmakers continue to lose substantial
17 sales to foreign countries, particularly China and South Korea,
18 which have "dumped" their steel products into the United States
19 market at prices below fair market value; and

20 WHEREAS, Operations at Granite City Works were suspended in

1 early 2016, with over 1,600 people losing their jobs; and

2 WHEREAS, The chief executive officer of U.S. Steel has said
3 the company does not have a timeline to restart production at
4 the Metro-East plant; and

5 WHEREAS, Granite City Works is a vital part of the
6 Metro-East economy, and the suspension of the operations of the
7 mill is devastating to thousands of families and the financial
8 well-being of the entire region; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the President
11 of the United States and Congress to only use American made
12 steel in any national infrastructure plan that may be signed
13 into law; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That we urge the President of the United States
15 and Congress to consider all possible trade and economic
16 policies to protect this vital American industry and minimize
17 the financial impact on these hardworking men and women; and be
18 it further

19 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
20 delivered to the President and Vice-President of the United
21 States, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States

1 Senate, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States
2 House of Representatives, and all members of the Illinois
3 Congressional Delegation.