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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, United States trade policies have, in some
3 instances, handicapped some Illinois-based manufacturers and
4 have led to massive trade deficits, stagnant worker wages, and
5 a loss of good-paying manufacturing jobs; and

6 WHEREAS, The current trade deficit is undermining
7 family-sustaining jobs and investment in assets, helping to
8 foster a debt-driven economy that is dangerously dependent on
9 foreign borrowing; and

10 WHEREAS, Fixing America's international economic policy
11 must be a top priority for the President of the United States
12 and the United States Congress; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
15 call upon our federal policy makers to support policies that
16 promote American interest by requiring full reciprocity,
17 fairness, and transparency in all U.S. trade agreements,
18 including such areas as labor and environmental standards, and
19 to support actions to combat the illegal and mercantilist
20 practice of prolonged currency misalignment; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That we also call upon our federal policy makers

1 to support the elimination of tax disadvantages which undermine
2 the competitiveness of U.S. producers both at home and abroad
3 or which discourage investment in America, support the
4 aggressive enforcement of U.S. laws to halt foreign illegal
5 trade activities such as dumping, subsidies, and intellectual
6 property theft; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That we call upon our federal policy makers to
8 ensure that goods sold domestically meet U.S. food and product
9 safety standards; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
11 presented to the President of the United States, the Majority
12 Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United
13 States House of Representatives, and the members of the
14 Illinois congressional delegation.