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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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TRELLO, JANUARY 26, 1982

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AS AMENDED, IN SENATE, MARCH 24, 1982

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In the House of Representatives, January 26, 1982

1 WHEREAS, Specialty steels are an essential industrial  
2 material and, therefore, the domestic industry is a strategic  
3 resource necessary to national defense; and

4 WHEREAS, The United States can, and must, maintain an  
5 adequate level of self-sufficiency and production capability in  
6 specialty steels, including a skilled and adequate labor force;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The economic base of the specialty steel industry  
9 has been seriously eroded in recent years by the damaging flow  
10 of imports of specialty steels and products containing these  
11 materials; and

12 WHEREAS, Under pressure of excessive imports, unemployment  
13 has climbed as high as forty percent in the specialty steel  
14 industry during recent years; and

15 WHEREAS, American privately-owned specialty steel producers  
16 compete in the marketplace with foreign companies which are

1 government-owned, subsidized, or directed and do not have to  
2 meet the disciplines of our free-market system; and

3 WHEREAS, The specialty steel industry has always favored  
4 development of open, fair, and mutually beneficial world trade--  
5 it is not protectionist; and

6 WHEREAS, The problem of assuring that foreign companies  
7 compete fairly and legally confronts the specialty steel  
8 industry, many other industries, and our entire economy. As the  
9 major open-world market, our Nation faces industrial  
10 stagnation--reduced job opportunities--and a declining standard  
11 of living, unless new understandings and rules relating to trade  
12 can be developed with foreign governments; and

13 WHEREAS, The specialty steel industry is experiencing massive  
14 layoffs due to the unfair dumping of foreign specialty steel;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Unfair competition and the dumping of foreign steels  
17 in United States markets is causing substantial and lasting  
18 hardship for Pennsylvania citizens employed in the specialty  
19 steel industry; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly  
21 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize the President of  
22 the United States, the Congress, and the International Trade  
23 Commission to take prompt and aggressive action to control  
24 unfair foreign competition and the dumping of specialty steels  
25 in the United States markets; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to the  
27 President of the United States, the presiding officers of both  
28 Houses of Congress, each member of Congress from the  
29 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the International Trade  
30 Commission, ALONG WITH ITS UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE,

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1 and the Department of Commerce.