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A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing the Congress of the United States to require that
2 American made steel be used for the rebuilding of Kuwait in
3 recognition of the American contribution in the Persian Gulf
4 War.

5 WHEREAS, The United States overwhelmingly contributed, in
6 terms of leadership, military hardware and manpower, to the
7 stunning allied victory over repression and injustice in the
8 Middle East; and

9 WHEREAS, The United Steelworkers of America, along with the
10 rest of the country, displayed exceptional patriotism and unity
11 in support for our fighting men and women, many of whom were
12 members or family of members belonging to the United
13 Steelworkers of America, as they sacrificed so bravely for the
14 cause of liberty, justice and freedom; and

15 WHEREAS, During the last decade, America's steelworker labor
16 force declined by one-half; and

17 WHEREAS, America's national production of steel has dropped a
18 total of 151.2 million tons from 1981 to 1982; and

1 WHEREAS, Direct and indirect steel imports have risen sharply
2 during the last decade to a peak of 30.8 million tons in 1985;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Beginning in 1983, steelworkers who survived mass
5 layoffs gave up over \$2 billion in earnings to try to help their
6 industry survive; and

7 WHEREAS, From 1981 through 1986, American steel companies
8 lost \$12 billion which has limited their ability to modernize
9 and compete with foreign markets; and

10 WHEREAS, Over the past decade, American steelworkers lost the
11 opportunity to perform 430,000 hours of work at a wage loss of
12 \$13.3 billion due to our nation's foreign trade policies;
13 therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Congress of the United States should work
15 to ensure that United States steel companies receive top
16 priority in the contracting process for the rebuilding of
17 Kuwait; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Congress of the United States should
19 communicate to the government of Kuwait that Kuwait could
20 demonstrate its gratitude and appreciation for the American
21 sacrifices and hardships endured in the liberation of the
22 country by contracting with American steel companies and using
23 American made steel to rebuild the infrastructure of Kuwait; and
24 be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the Congress of the United States should
26 recognize that the rebuilding of Kuwait provides United States
27 steel companies, along with other vital industries, with the
28 opportunity to employ more workers and keep current workers in
29 the labor force; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That the Congress of the United States should

1 recognize the vital need to protect the American steel industry
2 and workers from unfair foreign competition which results in the
3 collapse of our domestic industries and the displacement of our
4 patriotic, dedicated and loyal workers; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Congress of the United States should
6 encourage the use of American steel in the rebuilding of Kuwait,
7 which will help bolster our nation's economy, protect American
8 workers and provide a healthier homefront for our wonderful
9 Persian Gulf veterans to return to and prosper in; and be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
12 the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each
13 member of Congress from Pennsylvania.