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YOUNGBLOOD AND SIPTROTH, OCTOBER 4, 2007

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, OCTOBER 4, 2007

## A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to repeal the North  
2 American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) of 1993 and to adopt H.  
3 Con. Res. 22.

4 WHEREAS, The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)  
5 eliminates tariffs among the United States, Canada and Mexico  
6 over a 15-year period, beginning on January 1, 1994, and ending  
7 on December 31, 2008; and

8 WHEREAS, The nonpartisan Economic Policy Institute reports a  
9 net loss of more than 1 million jobs in all 50 states and the  
10 District of Columbia between 1993 and 2004 as a result of NAFTA;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania experienced a net  
13 loss of more than 44,000 jobs between 1993 and 2004 as a result  
14 of NAFTA; and

15 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Labor offers Trade  
16 Adjustment Assistance (TAA) to trade-affected workers who have  
17 lost their jobs as a result of increased imports or shifts in

1 production outside the United States; and

2 WHEREAS, According to the United States Department of Labor,  
3 1.8 million workers have applied for TAA as a result of jobs  
4 lost because of NAFTA and other foreign trade competition; and

5 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania received  
6 approximately \$17.6 million for TAA job training programs in  
7 Fiscal Year 2007, which amount was greater than in any other  
8 state; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
10 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge Congress to repeal NAFTA; and  
11 be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
13 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge Congress to adopt H. Con. Res.  
14 22, which expresses the sense of Congress that the President of  
15 the United States should provide notice of withdrawal of the  
16 United States from NAFTA; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to  
18 the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each  
19 member of the Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation.