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MARKOSEK, KORTZ AND MARSHALL, FEBRUARY 3, 2009

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, FEBRUARY 3,
2009

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the President of the United States and the Congress of
2 the United States to ensure the incorporation of Federal and
3 State Buy American and Domestic Content clauses in any
4 publicly funded economic stimulus programs to maintain and
5 expand our nation's aging infrastructure, particularly in
6 Pennsylvania where manufacturing is a key driver to the
7 Commonwealth's economy.

8 WHEREAS, The United States is confronted with the most
9 serious economic downturn in decades, triggering increased
10 unemployment and accompanying painful economic hardship for
11 American companies, their workers and families, including
12 working families in Pennsylvania where the unemployment rate
13 continues to escalate; and

14 WHEREAS, Leaders of the National Governors Association (NGA),
15 the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) and
16 numerous other national and state organizations have called on
17 the new administration and Congress to take immediate action to
18 reverse the economic crisis; and

1 WHEREAS, Congress intends to enact taxpayer-funded economic
2 recovery legislation for the President's signature as soon as
3 possible; and

4 WHEREAS, The economic recovery legislation is expected to
5 invest billions of taxpayer dollars through state block grants
6 and other funding mechanisms to initiate significant job
7 creation through massive public works investments by rebuilding
8 our nation's aging infrastructure, including roads and
9 accompanying guardrails, utility poles, rest areas, maintenance
10 buildings, highway bridges, energy pipelines, rail and air
11 transportation networks, electrical grid expansion, water and
12 sewerage improvements, environmentally friendly nonresidential
13 renovation, and new construction of state-of-the-art schools and
14 hospitals, as well as other vital infrastructure needs; and

15 WHEREAS, Modernizing and upgrading Pennsylvania's Statewide
16 infrastructure will improve the overall quality of life for all
17 Pennsylvania families, create significant new job opportunities
18 and economic growth, and help revitalize and promote the
19 Commonwealth's critically important manufacturing sector; and

20 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's vital manufacturing industries are
21 huge consumers of goods and services, including health care,
22 education and training, electricity, natural gas and alternative
23 fuels, as well as advanced technologies to enhance
24 competitiveness and environmental quality; therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
26 significant opportunities for economic growth in the
27 Commonwealth and urge the President of the United States and
28 members of the Congress of the United States to work
29 cooperatively to ensure that businesses located in the United
30 States, and domestic employees, be the primary beneficiaries of

1 economic-relief legislation by incorporating Federal and State
2 Buy American and Domestic Content requirements in any taxpayer-
3 funded economic recovery legislation; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
5 the President of the United States, the presiding officers of
6 each house of Congress and to each member of the Pennsylvania
7 Congressional Delegation.