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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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PETRARCA AND HARHART, JUNE 5, 2015

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 5, 2015

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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the President of the United States and Congress to  
2 endorse the package of proposals before Congress that make  
3 the United States trade laws work as Congress intended for  
4 United States companies and American workers that face  
5 unfairly traded imports.

6 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Steel Alliance, an initiative of  
7 Pennsylvania labor officials and steel companies, was created to  
8 educate the public and elected officials about the steel  
9 industry and the policy issues affecting the industry's growth;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Domestic steelmakers continue to lose substantial  
12 sales to foreign countries, particularly China and South Korea,  
13 which have dumped, subsidized or otherwise unfairly traded their  
14 steel products into the United States' market at predatory  
15 prices below fair market value; and

16 WHEREAS, Global influences in the steel market, including  
17 massive Asian overcapacity, reduced steel prices, unfair trade  
18 practices, imports and fluctuating oil prices continue to have a

1 dramatic, negative impact on the steel production industry; and

2 WHEREAS, The Economic Policy Institute estimates 35,300 jobs  
3 supported by steel are at risk in this Commonwealth due to  
4 surging imports of unfairly traded steel and steel products; and

5 WHEREAS, The steel industry in this Commonwealth offers an  
6 average wage of \$70,686, \$25,000 higher than the average wage  
7 for the private sector as a whole; and

8 WHEREAS, The steel industry generates an economic impact of  
9 more than \$9.35 billion a year for the Commonwealth; and

10 WHEREAS, The steel industry provides \$4.94 billion in annual  
11 wages to the Commonwealth; and

12 WHEREAS, The steel industry adds \$793 million in business  
13 taxes paid annually to the Commonwealth; and

14 WHEREAS, The steel industry in this Commonwealth offers a  
15 significantly higher jobs multiplier, 5.55 indirect and induced  
16 jobs, than is observed for most other industries; and

17 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Steel Alliance asserts the steel  
18 industry is a vital part of this Commonwealth's economy and the  
19 further loss of jobs due to unfair trade would be devastating to  
20 thousands of families and the financial well-being of the  
21 Commonwealth; and

22 WHEREAS, It is anathema to the American justice system to  
23 require American manufacturers to suffer irreparable injury  
24 before they can avail themselves to the trade remedies laws;  
25 therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
27 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the President of the United  
28 States and Congress to endorse the package of proposals before  
29 Congress that make United States trade laws work as Congress  
30 intended for United States companies and American workers that

1 face unfairly traded imports; and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
3 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the President of the United  
4 States and Congress to consider all possible trade and economic  
5 policies to protect this vital American industry and minimize  
6 the financial impact on these hardworking men and women; and be  
7 it further

8       RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
9 the President of the United States and the Vice President of the  
10 United States; and be it further

11       RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
12 the Majority Leader of the United States Senate and the Minority  
13 Leader of the United States Senate; and be it further

14       RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
15 the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and  
16 the Minority Leader of the United States House of  
17 Representatives; and be it further

18       RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
19 the members of Congress from Pennsylvania.