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A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing the Congress of the United States not to ratify
2 the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) treaty.

3 WHEREAS, The Congress is about to vote on the General
4 Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) treaty; and

5 WHEREAS, The GATT treaty is a 123-nation agreement that would
6 reduce tariffs and business subsidies worldwide; and

7 WHEREAS, The United States is expected to lose \$12 billion in
8 tariffs during the first five years of the agreement, according
9 to the Congressional Budget Office; and

10 WHEREAS, The GATT treaty would open American markets to
11 cheaper foreign-made goods; and

12 WHEREAS, The GATT treaty would create a World Trade
13 Organization in which the United States has no veto power and
14 would be outvoted by the European nations by thirty to one; and

15 WHEREAS, Between 1979 and 1993, the United States lost three
16 million manufacturing jobs, median family income fell about 9%
17 between 1977 and 1987, and if the GATT treaty is passed, workers

1 in the United States will have to compete with workers in
2 developing countries who work for very low wages; and

3 WHEREAS, The United States trade deficit, which already is in
4 the billions of dollars with Japan and China, will be sent
5 skyrocketing even higher; and

6 WHEREAS, Too many Pennsylvanians are out of work or forced to
7 exist on low-paying jobs due to the loss of much of our
8 manufacturing industry and the GATT treaty will not be in their
9 best interests; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives memorialize the
11 Congress not to pass legislation to ratify the GATT treaty; and
12 be it further

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