

House Concurrent Resolution No. 26

91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Whereas, the current crisis in the domestic steel industry which began in 1997 has led
2 fourteen steel companies to file for bankruptcy, and now has led to the bankruptcy of GS Industries and
3 the announced closure of GST Steel in Kansas City which will cause job losses at GST and for vendors
4 around the state resulting in hardship in those communities across the state of Missouri; and
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Whereas, this crisis has been generated by surges in United States imports of steel, both
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7 from countries whose currencies have depreciated and from steel-producing countries that are no longer
8 able to export steel to the countries in economic crisis; and
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Whereas, foreign government trade restrictions and private restraints of trade distort
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11 international trade and investment patterns, resulting in burdens on United States commerce, including
12 absorption of a disproportionate share of diverted steel trade, which ultimately have a detrimental affect
13 on this state's economy; and
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Whereas, a well-recognized need exists for improvements in the enforcement of United
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16 States trade laws to provide an effective response to these situations:
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Now, therefore, be it resolved that the members of the House of
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19 Representatives of the Ninety-first General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate concurring
20 therein, hereby request the President of the United States to commence immediate action to determine
21 the entry into the customs territory of the United States of all steel products that are the product of or
22 manufactured in Australia, China, South Africa, the Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Indonesia, India, Japan,
23 Russia, South Korea, Mexico, and Brazil to determine whether the governments of these countries are
24 abiding by the spirit and letter of international trade agreements with respect to imports of steel products
25 into the United States, and to take all actions necessary to enforce applicable trade agreements and laws
26 of the United States pertaining to steel imports; and
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28 **Be it further resolved** that the Missouri General Assembly requests the President
29 of the United States to immediately impose a one-year embargo on imports of all steel products of or
30 manufactured in Australia, China, South Africa, the Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Indonesia, India, Japan,
31 Russia, South Korea, Mexico, and Brazil if the President finds that the governments of these countries
32 are not abiding by the spirit and letter of international trade agreements with respect to imports of steel
33 products into the United States; and
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35 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
36 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the President of
37 the United States and each member of the Missouri congressional delegation.