

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 74

## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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2 **Whereas**, Spartan Light Metal Products has been an industry leader in magnesium  
3 custom die castings for the past four decades, with the company being owned and operated as  
4 a family business since 1961 and employing over 600 people; and

5 **Whereas**, Spartan Light Metal Products provides die cast products from  
6 magnesium alloys that reduce weight and improve performance of products at competitive costs;  
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9 **Whereas**, magnesium die castings, such as Spartan Light Metal Products, are being  
10 greatly harmed by the tariffs 731-TA-1071 and 731-TA-1072 that have been placed on imported  
11 magnesium alloys by the United States International Trade Commission. These tariffs allow the  
12 nation's lone magnesium producer to set whatever price it chooses for raw magnesium, driving  
13 many die cast companies out of business; and

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15 **Whereas**, the tariffs have created an advantage for foreign competitors who can  
16 purchase magnesium at globally-competitive prices and export finished products to United States  
17 markets free of penalties. This practice replaces United States manufacturing jobs and could lead  
18 to bankruptcy for the industry; and

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20 **Whereas**, the tariffs have also placed United States automobile manufacturers at  
21 a cost and weight disadvantage against foreign carmakers in meeting Corporate Average Fuel  
22 Economy requirements. As a result, approximately 60% of Spartan Light Metal Products'  
23 magnesium business for 2011 is disappearing at a time when the demand for magnesium  
24 products is growing:

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26           **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of  
27 Representatives of the Ninety-fifth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate  
28 concurring therein, hereby urge the President of the United States and the United States Congress  
29 to find a creative solution to protect the nation's lone magnesium producer without destroying  
30 the United States magnesium die cast industry; and

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32           **Be it further resolved** that the Missouri General Assembly further urges the  
33 President of the United States and the United States Congress to lift tariffs 731-TA-1071 and  
34 731-TA-1072 on die cast magnesium alloys from China and Russia or create a fair market by  
35 placing a similar tariff on imported assemblies and products made from die cast magnesium  
36 alloys; and

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38           **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of  
39 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for President  
40 Barack Obama and each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.

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