

1 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6
2 BY FALLON, CONNORS, CATALDO, BAKER, SCHRADER,
3 RUNNING, SHOULTZ, MAY, DODERER, HOLVECK, O'BRIEN,
4 MASCHER, KOENIGS, MERTZ, BURNETT, WARNSTADT,
5 DREES, McCOY, BERNAU, WEIGEL, BRAMMER, HARPER,
6 WISE, LARKIN, WITT, JOCHUM, NELSON of
7 Pottawattamie, OLLIE, BELL, MYERS, COHOON, BRAND,
8 MURPHY, and MORELAND
9 A Concurrent Resolution urging support of the striking
10 workers at Bridgestone/Firestone in Des Moines
11 through legislation and other means.
12 WHEREAS, some 1,300 Iowa workers are engaging in
13 their legal right to strike over a contract dispute
14 with the owners of Bridgestone/Firestone; and
15 WHEREAS, these same 1,300 are now in jeopardy of
16 losing their jobs for engaging in this lawful strike;
17 and
18 WHEREAS, the loss of their livelihood will have a
19 devastating effect on these 1,300 workers, their
20 families, and their communities; and
21 WHEREAS, the right to strike is a hollow and mean-
22 ingless right if permanent replacement workers can be
23 hired to replace striking workers; and
24 WHEREAS, Bridgestone/Firestone has received over
25 \$1.2 million in public funding including over \$500,000
26 from the state of Iowa and \$500,000 to train some of
27 these same employees; and
28 WHEREAS, the permanent hiring of striker
29 replacement workers is extremely uncommon in every
30 industrial country, including Japan, the home of

1 Bridgestone/Firestone, except in the United States and
2 South Africa; NOW THEREFORE,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE
4 SENATE CONCURRING, That the Iowa congressional
5 delegation is urged to join United States Senator Tom
6 Harkin in support of his legislation barring the
7 hiring of striker replacement workers.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Iowa congressional
9 delegation ask for a congressional hearing on unfair
10 labor practices by foreign-owned companies.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Iowa congressional
12 delegation join the Iowa House of Representatives and
13 the Iowa Senate in urging both sides in the
14 Bridgestone/Firestone labor dispute to return to the
15 bargaining table in an attempt to resolve this
16 dispute.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Iowa House of
18 Representatives and the Iowa Senate call on Governor
19 Terry Branstad to use his good offices to intercede in
20 this contract dispute in an attempt to resolve it and
21 save the jobs of 1,300 Iowans.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
23 resolution be sent to the Governor, the President of
24 the United States, the President of the United States
25 Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of
26 Representatives, and members of Iowa's congressional
27 delegation.

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