

House Resolution 122 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 122

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1 A Resolution calling on President Donald Trump and the
2 United States Congress to immediately engage in
3 constructive dialogue and to negotiate beneficial
4 trade regulations with other countries in order to
5 discontinue trade practices that have an adverse
6 impact on the people of Iowa and on Iowa's economy.
7 WHEREAS, Iowa leads the nation and the world in
8 ethanol production and the demand for exports of
9 ethanol continues to increase; and
10 WHEREAS, Iowa is the largest producer of corn and
11 hogs in the United States; and
12 WHEREAS, Iowa is one of the top producers of
13 soybeans in the United States; and
14 WHEREAS, in 2017 Iowa exported over \$13.2 billion
15 in manufactured goods and value-added agricultural
16 products to 185 countries; and
17 WHEREAS, Iowa is a leading exporter of pork, corn,
18 and feed grain; and
19 WHEREAS, Iowa is second in the nation for soybean
20 exports; and
21 WHEREAS, Iowa is second in the nation for overall
22 value of agricultural exports; and

1 WHEREAS, Iowa exported pork products to 32 countries
2 in 2017; and

3 WHEREAS, Iowa is home to more than 6,000
4 manufacturing firms that contribute more than \$28
5 billion to Iowa's economy; and

6 WHEREAS, over 214,000 Iowans, representing almost
7 14 percent of Iowa's total workforce, are employed by
8 Iowa manufacturing firms; and

9 WHEREAS, in 2017 the top five importers of Iowa
10 manufactured goods and value-added agricultural
11 products were Canada, Mexico, Japan, China, and
12 Germany; and

13 WHEREAS, President Trump announced tariffs on the
14 import of certain steel and aluminum articles; and

15 WHEREAS, on April 2, 2018, the Chinese Ministry of
16 Commerce announced tariffs on products manufactured in
17 the United States, including a 25 percent tariff on
18 certain pork products; and

19 WHEREAS, President Trump has indicated his
20 intentions to impose substantial additional tariffs on
21 Chinese-made products; and

22 WHEREAS, on April 4, 2018, the Chinese Ministry of
23 Commerce announced a 25 percent tariff on soybeans and
24 additional tariffs on other products produced in the
25 United States and such tariffs may be detrimental to
26 the people of Iowa and Iowa's economy; and

27 WHEREAS, President Trump has expressed his
28 intentions to take actions impacting trade
29 relationships with additional trade partners; and

30 WHEREAS, President Trump's actions have already

1 destabilized the markets for Iowa farmers and
2 manufacturers who are experiencing sharp declines in
3 commodity prices for pork, soybeans, and corn; and

4 WHEREAS, Iowa agricultural experts predict 20
5 percent of Iowa farmers face the danger of losing their
6 land within the next two years; and

7 WHEREAS, failure to quickly end any possibility of a
8 trade war could result in China permanently replacing
9 Iowa exports with commodities and products from other
10 countries, including Brazil; and

11 WHEREAS, an escalating trade war could cause
12 President Trump or additional trade partners to take
13 actions detrimental to the people of Iowa and to Iowa's
14 economy; NOW THEREFORE,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
16 That the House of Representatives calls on President
17 Trump and the United States Congress to engage in
18 constructive dialogue and to negotiate beneficial
19 trade regulations with other countries in order to
20 discontinue trade practices that have an adverse impact
21 on the people of Iowa and on Iowa's economy; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Iowa Governor Kim
23 Reynolds, Senator Charles Grassley, Senator Joni Ernst,
24 Congressman Steve King, Congressman David Young, and
25 Congressman Rod Blum, all of whom supported Donald
26 Trump's candidacy in 2016 even while he threatened a
27 possible trade war, should take bold action immediately
28 to ensure that President Trump reverses his course
29 to create a trade war, to guarantee that no farmers
30 will lose their land as a result of a trade war, and

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1 to require that the federal government reimburse Iowa
2 farmers for significant losses already sustained due to
3 the market disruption; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
5 Resolution be sent to President of the United States
6 Donald J. Trump, Vice President and President of the
7 United States Senate Michael Pence, Majority Leader
8 of the United States Senate Mitchell McConnell, Jr.,
9 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives
10 Paul Ryan, Jr., United States Ambassador to China Terry
11 Branstad, Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds, and each member
12 of Iowa's congressional delegation.