

Reps. Tyler, Kowall, Hansen, Lori, Simpson, Constan, Hildenbrand, Horn, Rick Jones, Lahti, LeBlanc, Lund, Meekhof, Meltzer, Proos, Schuitmaker, Booher and Marleau offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 128.

A resolution to memorialize the President and Congress to resolve the Mexican trucking dispute that has resulted in higher tariffs on United States goods being exported to Mexico.

Whereas, Agriculture in Michigan contributes over \$71 billion dollars to the state's economy and provides thousand of jobs. Tariffs imposed on agricultural products directly impact Michigan's already struggling economy; and

Whereas, A federal pilot program was established to allow a small number of Mexican trucks to transport goods in the United States and was viewed as a step forward in establishing a more long-term, stable international trucking policy. Congress acted to eliminate this program, which directly resulted in Mexico establishing tariffs on roughly 90 products that represent nearly \$2.4 billion in annual export revenue; and

Whereas, The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) is designed to promote free trade opportunities. The United States, as a member of NAFTA, has an obligation to uphold the principals of this treaty. Recent actions taken by the President and Congress have weakened the effectiveness of this treaty; and

Whereas, Each day that passes without a resolution to this issue is another day of lost revenue for American and Michigan farmers. Mexico has indicated that it may increase tariffs on other products if this issue is not resolved. Michigan and the country as a whole cannot afford to allow this to happen.

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the President and Congress to resolve the Mexican trucking dispute; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.