

Reps. Meltzer, Lund, Rick Jones, Booher, Wayne Schmidt, Calley, Crawford, McMillin, Hansen, Schuitmaker, Bolger, DeShazor, Tyler, Haines, Denby, LeBlanc, Lori, Spade, Ball, Barnett, Durhal, Knollenberg, Marleau, Rocca, Rogers and Walsh offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 144.**

A resolution to memorialize the President and Congress of the United States to pursue policies that encourage full reciprocity, fairness, and transparency in trade agreements and the elimination of obstacles to investment in America.

Whereas, United States trade policies have, in some instances, handicapped some Michigan-based manufacturers and have led to massive trade deficits, stagnant worker wages, and a loss of good-paying manufacturing jobs; and

Whereas, The current trade deficit is undermining family-sustaining jobs and investment in assets, helping to foster a debt-driven economy that is dangerously dependent on foreign borrowing; and

Whereas, Fixing America's international economic policy must be a top priority for the President of the United States and the United States Congress; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the President and Congress of the United States to pursue policies that encourage full reciprocity, fairness, and transparency in trade agreements, including addressing such areas as labor and environmental standards and combating the practice of prolonged currency misalignment. We also call upon our federal policy makers to support the elimination of tax disadvantages that undermine the competitiveness of U.S. producers both at home and abroad or that discourage investment in America; to support the aggressive enforcement of U.S. laws to halt foreign illegal trade activities such as dumping, subsidies, and intellectual property theft; and to ensure that goods sold domestically meet U.S. food and product safety standards; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Office of 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.