

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.142

Reps. O'Malley, Markkanen, Borton, Slagh and Sabo offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to call for international maritime containers to  
2 be treated equally in Michigan compared to other states.

3       Whereas, Manufacturing and agriculture are major industries in  
4 Michigan. The food and agriculture industry contributes more than  
5 \$100 billion to the state economy annually. Manufacturing accounts  
6 for nearly 20 percent of the state's annual total output; and

7       Whereas, The manufacturing and agriculture industries rely on  
8 the efficient movement, including by water, of inputs and finished  
9 commodities to remain competitive. Maritime transportation plays an  
10 important role in providing low-cost and efficient means of moving  
11 Michigan products overseas, with international maritime containers  
12 being the most ubiquitous method of moving products; and

1       Whereas, Michigan's location near the Great Lakes and Saint  
2 Lawrence Seaway System contributes to the state's strong  
3 manufacturing and agriculture base. With 3,000 miles of shoreline  
4 and the most commercial port terminals in the Great Lakes region,  
5 Michigan can and should lead the region in international maritime  
6 trade; and

7       Whereas, Since 2016, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection  
8 (CBP) has restricted all international maritime containers entering  
9 Michigan. Clearance requirements have been implemented on Michigan  
10 ports that are not in place anywhere else in the United States; and

11       Whereas, The CBP restrictions have economically disadvantaged  
12 Michigan and hurt infrastructure and the environment. Cargo that  
13 cannot be unloaded in Michigan is taken to nearby ports, leading to  
14 high fees for businesses and creating hundreds of jobs in other  
15 states. In addition, Michigan's environment and roads are harmed  
16 when international containers are moved to and from the state by  
17 truck, instead of by ship; now, therefore, be it

18       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we call on  
19 Michigan officials to ensure Michigan manufacturing, agriculture,  
20 and ports are treated equally to other states and be allowed to  
21 import and export international maritime containers; and be it  
22 further

23       Resolved, That we urge the United States Customs and Border  
24 Protection to stop the restriction on cargo in Michigan; and be it  
25 further

26       Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the  
27 Commissioner of United States Customs and Border Protection, the  
28 Director of the Michigan Department of Transportation, and the  
29 members of the Michigan congressional delegation.