

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 34

Reps. Brixie, Tsernoglou, Hope, Neeley, McKinney, Edwards, Fitzgerald, Andrews, Dievendorf, B. Carter, Byrnes, Tate, Paiz, Rheingans, Conlin, Rogers, Price, Arbit, Breen, Xiong, McFall, Wegela, Hoskins, Longjohn, Young, Scott, Steckloff, Glanville, O'Neal, Wooden, Martus, Foreman, Skaggs, Weiss, Pohutsky, MacDonell and Snyder offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to reaffirm our commitment to supporting
2 Michigan's economy by advocating for strong, fair, negotiated
3 commercial relationships with North American trading partners.

4 Whereas, Michigan's economy depends on strong international
5 trading and commercial relationships, particularly with Canada and
6 Mexico. These nations are essential partners for businesses of all
7 sizes, supporting jobs and economic growth across industries
8 including manufacturing, logistics, and agriculture; and

9 Whereas, A stable and predictable North American trade

1 environment strengthens Michigan's competitiveness, ensuring that
2 businesses, workers, and communities benefit from continued access
3 to key export markets while maintaining essential supply chains;
4 and

5 Whereas, Michigan's food and agricultural sector is a bright
6 spot for our state's economy, with more than 300 crops and
7 commodities produced by farmers and agricultural businesses in all
8 corners of our state, creating jobs in both rural and urban areas.
9 Canada is Michigan's number-one export market, while Mexico is
10 Michigan's number-two export market for agricultural products,
11 making up a significant portion of the nearly three billion dollars
12 in exports of food and agricultural products that originate in
13 Michigan each year. Michigan also depends on open trade with Canada
14 for access to key agricultural inputs used by Michigan farmers; and

15 Whereas, Michigan's manufacturing sector remains one of our
16 state's leading job creators, and depends on strong North American
17 commercial supply chains, with many products moving several times
18 between the U.S., Canada, and Mexico as a normal part of
19 manufacturing processes. Nearly 55 billion dollars in goods
20 transfer between Michigan and the Canadian province of Ontario
21 annually; and

22 Whereas, Michigan is a leader in auto production, home to
23 nearly one-fifth of all U.S. auto production. The automotive
24 industry relies heavily on the movement of parts and finished
25 vehicles across the U.S., Canada, and Mexico borders; and

26 Whereas, Michigan enjoys strong commercial opportunities
27 across North America as a result of the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Trade
28 Agreement. The agreement was negotiated by U.S. President Donald
29 Trump during his first term in office and ratified by all three

1 nations prior to its implementation on July 1, 2020; and

2 Whereas, Michigan stands to benefit from its geographic
3 position as a North American trade and travel hub, bolstered by the
4 anticipated opening of the Gordie Howe International Bridge, which
5 will revolutionize freight and recreational transportation between
6 Michigan and Ontario, Canada. As a border state, leading
7 agricultural exporter, and major North American trade and transit
8 hub, Michigan deeply values our strong, long-term commercial
9 relationships with Canada and Mexico; and

10 Whereas, The imposition of tariffs on goods imported from
11 Canada and Mexico could lead to unintended consequences, including
12 retaliatory actions that risk disrupting Michigan's exports,
13 raising costs for businesses, and creating uncertainty for workers;
14 and

15 Whereas, The Michigan House of Representatives recognizes the
16 importance of maintaining strong trade relationships to support
17 Michigan's economy and the well-being of its residents; now,
18 therefore, be it

19 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the
20 Federal government to carefully consider the potential economic
21 impacts of tariffs on North American trading partners as it pursues
22 U.S. foreign policy interests; and be it further

23 Resolved, That we support the Federal government's ongoing
24 efforts to achieve foreign policy outcomes benefiting the American
25 people; and be it further

26 Resolved, That we reaffirm our commitment to supporting
27 Michigan's economy by advocating for strong, fair, negotiated
28 commercial relationships with North American trading partners; and
29 be it further

1 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
2 President of the United States, the United States Trade
3 Representative, the United States Secretary of Agriculture, the
4 United States Secretary of Commerce, and the members of the
5 Michigan congressional delegation.