

By: Representative Calhoun

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1

1 A RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO TAKE
2 EMERGENCY ACTION AND SECURE THE VIABILITY OF THE UNITED STATES
3 AUTO INDUSTRY.

4 WHEREAS, an increasing number and variety of relevant
5 specialists have been joining an international chorus which is
6 warning that an ongoing, systemic economic collapse of the world's
7 monetary system has now entered its terminal phase; and

8 WHEREAS, certain stop-gap actions must now be implemented to
9 forestall the irreparable damage to our economy, which is typified
10 by the presently accelerating crisis of the United States
11 automobile industry; and

12 WHEREAS, any liquidation of the present structure of the
13 productive capacities of the auto industry, especially its machine
14 tool sector, would mean the end of the United States of America as
15 a leading economic power, and would result in damage to the world
16 economy as a whole; and

17 WHEREAS, the federal government must now be encouraged to act
18 in accord with the implied constitutional obligation of our nation
19 to promote the general welfare, both for our own republic and in
20 concerted action among nations; and

21 WHEREAS, unless corrected, the present crisis would become
22 far worse than the crisis experienced in Europe and America during
23 the Great Depression of the 1930s; and

24 WHEREAS, the creation of new productive capital can be
25 accomplished under our national economic system without the
26 participation of the private sector economy; and

27 WHEREAS, under our constitutional system, long-term capital
28 must be used chiefly to create expanded productive employment and
29 create long-term capital investment in improved basic economic
30 infrastructure, agriculture, and manufacturing; and

31 WHEREAS, the principal objective of the United States
32 government in the current crisis among leading North American
33 automobile manufacturers is to ensure the continued employment of
34 the members of the labor force associated with that industry
35 within their present localities of employment; and

36 WHEREAS, the loss of the tool-making and related capabilities
37 of that sector of the auto industry would be devastating to the
38 economies of our nation and the world; and

39 WHEREAS, the relationship between the machine tool and
40 related elements, and the much larger mass of technicians and
41 operatives employed downstream in the process is an integral
42 relationship, creating situations whereby the employment of the
43 one cannot be separated from employment of the other, and in which
44 the ratio of less-skilled operatives to highly skilled machine
45 tool and related technicians similarly should not be reduced; and

46 WHEREAS, the diversification of the productive potential of
47 the auto industry to a broader mixture of suitable forms of
48 production would shift large portions of current employment into
49 the domain of essential capital goods of production and basic
50 economic infrastructure; and

51 WHEREAS, the federal government should intervene in order to
52 save our existing industry and create large new areas of
53 employment of our citizenry in infrastructure and manufacturing,
54 comparable to the best of the New Deal programs that rescued the
55 nation and the world from the Great Depression; and

56 WHEREAS, a governmental intervention would provide tens of
57 thousands of productive jobs repairing our infrastructure, and at
58 least ten million jobs could be created nationally, while at the
59 same time maintaining the auto production of General Motors

60 Corporation, of Ford Motor Company, and of their respective
61 subsidiaries. Such an initiative would also restore our tax base
62 and increase the national standard of living:

63 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
64 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That:

65 (a) The Congress of the United States is urged to
66 intervene on behalf of national and related interests to ensure
67 that the productive potential of the automobile industry, with its
68 featured high technology and machine tool capability, shall remain
69 intact; and

70 (b) The United States government executive branch is
71 urged to intervene to vastly expand the construction and
72 maintenance of infrastructure projects and related industries in
73 the nation.

74 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
75 transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the
76 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the members
77 of the Mississippi Congressional Delegation and to the members of
78 the Capitol Press Corps.