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To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 17

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 furnished 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.