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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, United States Steel Corporation, which owns and
3 operates the Granite City Works steel facility in Granite City,
4 joins other steel-producing facilities throughout the State of
5 Illinois and the country in supporting the United States
6 Department of Commerce's thorough trade investigations into
7 South Korea's export of oil country tubular goods and
8 requesting full enforcement of United States trade laws
9 preventing steel dumping; and

10 WHEREAS, Domestic steelmakers like the United States Steel
11 Corporation are losing substantial sales to foreign countries
12 like South Korea, which have "dumped" their oil country tubular
13 goods into the United States market; and

14 WHEREAS, Hundreds of Illinois jobs are at stake, not only
15 at steel mills, but throughout the supply chain, if this
16 practice of "dumping" and circumventing United States trade law
17 is allowed to continue; and

18 WHEREAS, Oil country tubular goods are the steel pipe
19 products used in the extraction of oil and natural gas and play
20 a critical role in our efforts to become energy independent;
21 and

1 WHEREAS, Domestic producers employ thousands of dedicated
2 American workers, who use state-of-the-art technology to
3 ensure that these products meet the highest standards; and

4 WHEREAS, These jobs are now in jeopardy due to the rapid
5 surge of oil country tubular goods imports at prices below fair
6 value and, in deceptive ways, evading international trade laws;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Commerce's
9 International Trade Administration is expected to present a
10 final decision regarding investigations into South Korean
11 trade practices and potential "dumping" of oil country tubular
12 goods steel materials by July of 2014; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we urge the President of the United States to ensure that the
16 United States Department of Commerce fully and thoroughly
17 investigate all facts surrounding the South Korean companies'
18 trade practices regarding steel products and to take necessary
19 action against any illegal activity in this matter; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 delivered to President Barack Obama.