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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Granite City Works steel mill has operated
3 since 1878; it was originally founded by brothers William and
4 Frederick Niedringhaus as the Granite Iron Rolling Mills, and
5 most recently, owned by United States Steel Corporation; and

6 WHEREAS, The Granite City Works has been an industry leader
7 in sheet steel products for customers in the construction,
8 container, piping and tubing, service center, and automotive
9 industries; and

10 WHEREAS, Granite City Works has an annual raw steelmaking
11 capability of 2.8 million net tons; and

12 WHEREAS, Global influences in the market such as reduced
13 steel prices, unfair trade practices, imports, and fluctuating
14 oil prices, continue to have a dramatic negative impact on the
15 steel production industry; and

16 WHEREAS, Domestic steelmakers continue to lose substantial
17 sales to foreign countries, particularly China and South Korea,
18 which have "dumped" their steel products into the United States
19 market at prices below fair market value; and

20 WHEREAS, Due to these disruptions in the steel market, on

1 March 25, 2015, United States Steel Corporation announced that
2 it will temporarily idle the Granite City mill and lay off
3 2,080 steel workers by or after May 28, 2015; and

4 WHEREAS, Granite City Works is a vital part of the
5 Metro-East economy, and the loss of this mill would be
6 devastating to thousands of families and the financial
7 well-being of the entire region; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the President
10 of the United States and Congress to review the national tariff
11 policy on steel goods and take action similar to the 2002
12 actions of President George W. Bush and Congress; and be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That we urge the President of the United States
15 and Congress to consider all possible trade and economic
16 policies to protect this vital American industry and minimize
17 the financial impact on these hardworking men and women; and be
18 it further

19 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
20 presented to the President and Vice-President of the United
21 States, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States
22 Senate, and the Speaker and Minority Leader of the United

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