

HJR 29 INTRODUCED BY HARPER, ET AL.
RESOLUTION ASKING REVERSAL OF NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND
TRADE POLICIES

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1 House JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 29 *Councilly*
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Zogor* *Whalen* *Vincent* *Walker*
 3 *Van Valkenburg* *Hoffey* *Yellowtail* *Waga* *Leach*
 4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING CONGRESS
 6 AND THE PRESIDENT TO REVERSE THE ECONOMIC AND TRADE POLICIES
 7 OF THE UNITED STATES.
 8 *Daly* *Carlweck* *Kay* *David* *Marko* *Raney*
 9 *Menahan* *Keenan* *Stacy*

9 WHEREAS, massive trade deficits, including more than
 10 \$173 billion in 1986, have transformed the United States in
 11 4 years from a net creditor nation to the world's largest
 12 debtor nation; and

13 WHEREAS, each \$1 billion of trade deficit caused the
 14 loss of 25,000 jobs in the United States and resulted in 2.3
 15 million American workers losing manufacturing jobs in 1984
 16 and more than 11.5 million workers losing jobs because of
 17 plant closures and layoffs between 1979 and 1984; and

18 WHEREAS, the United States budget deficit was a record
 19 \$221 billion in 1986 and is expected to exceed \$190 billion
 20 in 1987 and to reach a cumulative total national debt of
 21 \$2.5 trillion by the end of 1988; and

22 WHEREAS, the federal deficit incurred since 1981
 23 created a burden for our children and grandchildren greater
 24 than the combined national debts incurred by every United
 25 States President from George Washington through Jimmy

1 Carter; and

2 WHEREAS, the devastating effects of these statistics
 3 are shown by the United States' annual unemployment rate
 4 that remains at about 7%, with approximately 8 million
 5 Americans unemployed and another 6.5 million forced to
 6 accept part-time employment or, because of discouraging
 7 prospects, to discontinue seeking employment; and

8 WHEREAS, earnings in more than half of the 8 million
 9 jobs created between 1979 and 1980 were less than \$7,000 a
 10 year, or at least \$3,000 below the poverty level; and

11 WHEREAS, a recent congressional study revealed that the
 12 harsh realities of poverty are caused by low-wage jobs
 13 rather than by declining family values; and

14 WHEREAS, deteriorating economic conditions caused 138
 15 bank failures in the United States in 1986, the most in any
 16 year since the depression year of 1934; and

17 WHEREAS, these unconscionable figures are the direct
 18 result of our failed national economic and international
 19 trade policies.

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 21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
 22 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

23 That Congress and the President of the United States be
 24 urged to:

25 (1) reverse their courses on trade and economic



1 policies by promoting fair trade rather than free trade
2 policies to protect American jobs, family farms, main street
3 businesses, and the American standard of living;

4 (2) adopt domestic policies to encourage full
5 employment of all individuals who wish to work, at decent
6 wages and under decent conditions; and

7 (3) reverse the misguided agricultural policies that
8 are leading to the demise of family farms and ranches all
9 across America.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State
11 send a copy of this resolution to the President of the
12 United States, the Speaker of the United States House of
13 Representatives, the Majority Leader of the United States
14 Senate, and to each member of the Montana Congressional
15 Delegation.

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