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Relating to maintaining the current standard behind the “Made in USA” label, in order to protect consumers and jobs in the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, and Mrs. ROUKEMA) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Relating to maintaining the current standard behind the “Made in USA” label, in order to protect consumers and jobs in the United States.

Whereas for the past several decades the “Made in USA” label has defined a product as having all or virtually all of its parts and labor originating in the United States;

Whereas the people of the United States depend upon the integrity of this label when purchasing products;

Whereas the label projects a sense of pride for American workmanship and value;

Whereas the Federal Trade Commission has promulgated regulations to lower this standard to allow substantial amounts of a product to be of foreign origin;

Whereas lowering this standard will be a misrepresentation to consumers in the United States who presently believe products bearing the “Made in USA” label were all or virtually all made in the United States;

Whereas consumers in the United States are entitled to purchase products with the understanding that the labels on these products reflect consistent definitions; and

Whereas the Federal Trade Commission is responsible for safeguarding the consumer from unfair, deceptive, and fraudulent practices: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress—

3 (1) maintains that the standard for the “Made
4 in USA” label should continue to be that a product
5 was all or virtually all made in the United States;
6 and

7 (2) urges the Federal Trade Commission to re-
8 frain from lowering this standard at the expense of
9 consumers and jobs in the United States.

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