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Encouraging Americans to purchase American-made products during the holiday season, and for other purposes.

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Mr. HUNTER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Encouraging Americans to purchase American-made products during the holiday season, and for other purposes.

Whereas the holidays are a time to focus and reflect on family and think of those less fortunate;

Whereas Americans must unite and consider the economic future and ways to make America stronger and more prosperous for future generations;

Whereas Americans should make every effort to support the troops serving in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, especially during the holiday season, and thank them for protecting freedom;

Whereas all Americans should honor the sacrifice, contributions, and dedication of members of the Armed Forces,

both on and off the battlefield, in defending the ideals of this great country;

Whereas American-made products stimulate the United States economy and fund the Armed Forces;

Whereas the United States global trade deficit reached \$105,000,000,000 in 2006 and over 3,100,000 American manufacturing jobs have been lost between 2001 and 2006;

Whereas domestic manufacturing represents the backbone of both the United States economy and its working-class citizens;

Whereas the loss of American manufacturing jobs in pursuit of less expensive labor and less stringent regulatory systems in other countries causes harm to children's health and economic futures;

Whereas pet food, toothpaste, toys, lunchboxes, pharmaceuticals, clothes, tires, and food exported from China have exposed American children, families, and pets to dangerous chemicals, lead, and other hazards;

Whereas the entry of China into the World Trade Organization has failed to reduce China's trade surplus with the United States, causing the loss of more than 1,800,000 jobs in the United States and a trade deficit explosion from \$50,000,000,000 in 1997 to \$235,000,000,000 in 2006;

Whereas China is manipulating its currency to gain added competitive advantage over manufactured products from the United States;

Whereas Chinese state-owned firms funded with trade dollars from the United States are acquiring domestic companies and technologies, as well as buying weapon systems that

members of the Armed Forces may have to face on future battlefields; and

Whereas buying products made in the United States strengthens the economy, supports the military, and benefits all Americans: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes that the United States has the
3 safest regulatory regime in the world that better
4 protects families and children;

5 (2) encourages Americans to support American
6 workers and protect American children by buying
7 American products this holiday season;

8 (3) supports and encourages a holiday season
9 celebrated with American-made products; and

10 (4) encourages Americans to purchase Amer-
11 ican-made products during this holiday season.

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