

Reps. Slezak, Roy Schmidt, Young, Kandrevas, Liss, Barnett, Womack, Haugh, Huckleberry, Cushingberry, Leland, Daley, Dean, Ball, Lisa Brown, Terry Brown, Byrnes, Ebli, Gonzales, Kowall, LeBlanc, Lori, Marleau, Mayes, Neumann, Polidori, Scripps, Slavens, Smith and Stanley offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 272.

A resolution to memorialize the President of the United States and the United States Congress to ensure that local businesses located in Michigan and their employees be the primary beneficiaries of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds appropriated to Michigan to stimulate the economy and create jobs.

Whereas, The stated goal of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) economic stimulus package is to stimulate the economy and create jobs. It is critically important to job creation that federal and state buy-American and domestic content requirements be observed in utilizing these recovery funds. This is especially important in Michigan, where manufacturing, the key driver in the state economy, has been particularly hard hit by the ravages of the economy; and

Whereas, Congress drafted the ARRA economic recovery legislation with a strong sense of urgency for its impact on state and local economies. This impact is, in large part, designed to channel billions of dollars of assistance to initiate job creation through public works investments. These include rebuilding our aging roads, bridges, and other vital infrastructure needs; enhancements in public transit; environmental remediation; and weatherization. Indeed, these projects will improve the overall quality of life for all Michigan families and create significant new job opportunities and economic growth. Moreover, it will also help revitalize and advance Michigan's critically important manufacturing sector; and

Whereas, The more than \$1 billion in targeted ARRA assistance for Michigan will only have the full desired effect, however, if the funds are used to support projects and initiatives that utilize the local workforce and local resources to the greatest extent possible. Michigan has made the contracting of Michigan and local vendors and suppliers a priority. This has been the focus of a number of state statutes, the most recently adopted budget boilerplate language, and Executive Directives. Clearly, Michigan's example of contracting should be mirrored in the implementation of the federal economic recovery legislation by focusing on the use of local workers and local resources; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we hereby memorialize the President of the United States and the United States Congress to ensure that local businesses located in Michigan and their employees be the primary beneficiaries of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds appropriated to Michigan to stimulate the economy and create jobs; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.