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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHUMER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

RESOLUTION

Concerning the possible imposition of tariffs by the United States on the importation of certain categories of motor vehicles from Japan and the potential impact on the prices of domestic goods for American consumers.

Whereas the opening of the Japanese market to foreign goods and services, including automobiles and auto parts, is in the profound mutual interest of the United States, Japan, and the global economy as a whole;

Whereas the elimination of barriers to United States goods and services in foreign markets, including Japan, must continue to be a priority policy goal of the United States;

Whereas Japan's major trading partners, including the United States, have attempted on numerous occasions,

without success, to negotiate meaningful reductions in Japanese trade barriers;

Whereas the most recent round of negotiations once again failed to achieve true market-opening measures in a category central to Japan's disproportionate trade surplus, automobiles and auto parts;

Whereas as a consequence of the failure of these negotiations, the United States is contemplating the imposition of tariffs on the importation of certain motor vehicles from Japan; and

Whereas if such tariffs are deemed necessary to achieve true liberalization in trade with Japan, they should be implemented in a fashion that accomplishes this objective without increasing prices for average United States consumers: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) fully supports the President in his efforts to
3 reduce barriers in Japan to United States products,
4 but strongly believes that measures necessary to
5 achieve this important goal must not result in an in-
6 crease in the price of domestic goods for American
7 consumers;

8 (2) calls on United States domestic automobile
9 manufacturers to refrain from raising prices as the
10 direct or indirect consequence of any tariffs that
11 may be imposed on the importation of motor vehicles
12 from Japan; and

1 (3) calls on the President to state his strong
2 agreement with paragraphs (1) and (2), and to state
3 further that an increase in domestic car prices would
4 be fundamentally inconsistent with the purpose of
5 any tariffs on the importation of Japanese motor ve-
6 hicles from Japan, and that any such price increases
7 would be unacceptable to the United States Govern-
8 ment.

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