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# H. RES. 946

Recognizing that the rate of unemployment in the United States has reached the level of a national crisis, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 3, 2009

Mr. RUSH (for himself, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. WATT, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. COHEN, Ms. HARMAN, Ms. WATERS, Mr. LIPINSKI, Ms. KAPTUR, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Ms. CLARKE, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. CLAY, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. DEFazio, and Ms. FUDGE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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## RESOLUTION

Recognizing that the rate of unemployment in the United States has reached the level of a national crisis, and for other purposes.

Whereas according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the nationwide unemployment rate rose from 4.8 percent in February 2008 to 6.1 percent in August 2008, and then steadily thereafter to 10.2 percent in October 2009;

Whereas over 15,000,000 employable Americans are unemployed;

Whereas the nationwide unemployment rate is at its highest level since April 1983;

Whereas in some States, the unemployment rate now exceeds 15 percent;

Whereas 8,200,000 Americans have lost their jobs since December 2007, including some 2,100,000 Americans in the manufacturing sector alone;

Whereas 9,300,000 Americans are working in part-time jobs, which they had to accept for economic reasons and in spite of their desire and availability to work on a full-time basis;

Whereas an average of 645,000 jobs were lost each month from November 2008 to April 2009; and

Whereas the Bureau of the Census has reported that in 2008, 39,800,000 Americans were living below the poverty line: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) recognizes that the rate of unemployment in  
3       the United States has reached the level of a national  
4       crisis;

5               (2) recognizes that saving and creating new  
6       jobs are matters of the highest national priority; and

7               (3) urges Federal agencies to take all possible  
8       actions to address the aforementioned problems by—

9                       (A) reducing outsourcing, thereby helping  
10       to save existing jobs and to create new job op-  
11       portunities for Americans;

- 1           (B) strengthening the Nation's domestic  
2           manufacturing and services industries while im-  
3           proving global competitiveness;
- 4           (C) reducing the Nation's trade deficit;
- 5           (D) providing incentives for investment in  
6           the most challenging market areas;
- 7           (E) encouraging private entrepreneurship  
8           and innovation; and
- 9           (F) encouraging greater fiscal responsi-  
10          bility in Government spending.

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