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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, United States Steel Corporation, which owns and operates the Granite City Works steel facility in Granite City, joins other steel-producing facilities throughout the State of Illinois and the country in supporting the United States Department of Commerce's thorough trade investigations into South Korea's export of oil country tubular goods and requesting full enforcement of United States trade laws preventing steel dumping; and

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WHEREAS, Domestic steelmakers like the United States Steel Corporation are losing substantial sales to foreign countries like South Korea, which have "dumped" their oil country tubular goods into the United States market; and

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WHEREAS, Hundreds of Illinois jobs are at stake, not only at steel mills, but throughout the supply chain, if this practice of "dumping" and circumventing United States trade law is allowed to continue; and

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WHEREAS, Oil country tubular goods are the steel pipe products used in the extraction of oil and natural gas and play a critical role in our efforts to become energy independent; and

1 WHEREAS, Domestic producers employ thousands of dedicated
2 American workers, who use state-of-the-art technology to
3 ensure that these products meet the highest standards; and

4 WHEREAS, These jobs are now in jeopardy due to the rapid
5 surge of oil country tubular goods imports at prices below fair
6 value and, in deceptive ways, evading international trade laws;
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8 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Commerce's
9 International Trade Administration is expected to present a
10 final decision regarding investigations into South Korean
11 trade practices and potential "dumping" of oil country tubular
12 goods steel materials by July of 2014; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the President
15 of the United States to ensure that the United States
16 Department of Commerce fully and thoroughly investigate all
17 facts surrounding the South Korean companies' trade practices
18 regarding steel products and to take necessary action against
19 any illegal activity in this matter; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 delivered to President Barack Obama.