

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 85

Reps. Miller, Paiz, Byrnes, Rogers, Dievendorf, Tsernoglou and Foreman offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution urging the federal government, in response to
2 tariff threats, to pursue policies that support Michigan farmers.

3 Whereas, Michigan's agriculture industry is a vital component
4 of the state's economy. Agriculture is estimated to contribute
5 approximately 104 billion dollars to our state's economy each year
6 and supports hundreds of thousands of jobs. Michigan ranks among
7 the top agricultural states in the nation, producing a diverse
8 range of crops and livestock that support both domestic and
9 international markets; and

10 Whereas, Recent tariff threats and trade uncertainties pose
11 significant economic risks to Michigan's farms. Increased tariffs
12 increase costs for farmers, reduce export opportunities, and create
13 instability in agricultural markets. In the recent past, the

1 imposition of tariffs on agricultural goods has led to lower
2 commodity prices, financial strain on family farms, and reduced
3 competitiveness of Michigan's agricultural products in global
4 markets. Michigan's farmers also rely on stable and predictable
5 relationships to plan for planting, harvesting, and investment in
6 agricultural infrastructure. Recently enacted and threatened
7 tariffs from the federal government undermine any sense of
8 stability in the marketplace, putting Michigan farmers at a
9 disadvantage; and

10 Whereas, The Michigan House of Representatives recognizes the
11 need for policies that protect Michigan's farmers from economic
12 harm and support their ability to thrive in a global marketplace;
13 now, therefore, be it

14 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the
15 federal government to pursue fair and balanced trade policies that
16 safeguard Michigan's agricultural sector and prevent undue harm
17 from tariffs and trade disputes; and be it further

18 Resolved, That we urge the federal government to invest in
19 programs that support agricultural resilience, market
20 diversification, and farmer assistance programs to mitigate the
21 effects of economic disruptions; and be it further

22 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
23 President of the United States, the United States Secretary of
24 Agriculture, the United States Trade Representative, and the
25 members of the Michigan congressional delegation.