

1 WHEREAS, goods produced in China, on average, generate three times the CO2
2 emissions of equivalent goods made in the United States, and goods produced in Russia emit
3 four times the emissions; and

4 WHEREAS, minerals mined in China are more than twice as carbon intensive as
5 those mined in the United States, the average carbon intensity of Russian oil is at least thirty-
6 three percent higher than United States oil, and Russian natural gas is sixty percent more
7 greenhouse gas intensive than United States natural gas; and

8 WHEREAS, many rural Americans are being left behind economically, suffering
9 from severe poverty, poor health care, and few economic opportunities, making them
10 increasingly vulnerable to crime and the opioid crisis; and

11 WHEREAS, the average per capita income for rural Americans is only forty-six
12 thousand dollars, compared to roughly sixty thousand dollars for all Americans, and the
13 poverty rate in rural America is fourteen and four-tenths percent, compared with eleven and
14 nine-tenths percent nationwide; and

15 WHEREAS, United States rural communities have lower wages, property taxes, and
16 land prices, which should give them a competitive advantage in attracting investments in
17 manufacturing that provide revenue streams that help fund local schools and infrastructure;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, manufacturing jobs play a more important role in the rural economy
20 than in urban areas, accounting for a greater share of jobs and earnings; and

21 WHEREAS, United States' trade policy, which has given foreign polluters an unfair
22 advantage over the past two decades, has encouraged economic restructuring across rural
23 America that has resulted in manufacturing employment falling by close to thirty percent;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, China has been the major beneficiary of this poorly designed federal
26 trade policy, with the United States losing roughly five million jobs in the last twenty years,
27 and half of those losses are the result of the United States trade deficit with China; and

28 WHEREAS, rewarding United States firms for their environmental performance
29 would bolster domestic manufacturing and generate good paying jobs, particularly in rural

1 areas, and reduce dependence on imports from high emitting producers like Russia and
2 China.

3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
4 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such
5 actions as are necessary to enact a trade policy that holds high polluting countries like China
6 and Russia accountable for their pollution and promotes American economic development
7 and the rebuilding of United States supply chains, particularly in rural communities, by
8 rewarding American businesses and workers for their superior environmental performance
9 while penalizing global polluters.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
11 presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the
12 United States and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

DIGEST

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Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Commerce to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.