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H.C.R. No. 151

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The State of Texas benefits from the North American  
2 Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) in many ways; however, some Texas  
3 counties have experienced tremendous job losses because of a shift  
4 in global trade patterns precipitated by the agreement; and

5 WHEREAS, Congress created the Community Adjustment and  
6 Investment Program (CAIP) in 1998 to mitigate NAFTA job losses  
7 through grants, loans, and loan guarantees to local communities,  
8 companies, institutions, and organizations; and

9 WHEREAS, An affiliate of the North American Development Bank  
10 headquartered in San Antonio, CAIP has brought more than \$76  
11 million in direct and leveraged funds to Texas, accounting for  
12 approximately one-half of the program's national resources; and

13 WHEREAS, Thirty-two Texas counties, the most in any state,  
14 are eligible for assistance, and together the counties are expected  
15 to create or preserve a total of 3,798 private sector jobs because  
16 of the CAIP investment; and

17 WHEREAS, CAIP grants and loans are funded by annual  
18 congressional appropriations; however, CAIP did not receive  
19 funding in the federal 2002 or 2003 fiscal year budget; and

20 WHEREAS, The need for CAIP assistance is greater than ever  
21 because of the increasing number of job losses resulting from the  
22 trade impacts of NAFTA, the extent of which has affected nearly 32  
23 counties in Texas and 40 other states to date; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas

1 hereby respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to  
2 reinstate funding for the Community Adjustment and Investment  
3 Program; and, be it further

4         RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official  
5 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to  
6 the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the  
7 senate of the United States Congress, and to all the members of the  
8 Texas delegation to the congress with the request that this  
9 resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a  
10 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.