

1-1 By: Chavez (Senate Sponsor - Lucio) H.C.R. No. 151
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 28, 2003;
1-3 May 1, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 International Relations and Trade; May 9, 2003, reported favorably
1-5 by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 9, 2003, sent to
1-6 printer.)

1-7 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-8 WHEREAS, The State of Texas benefits from the North American
1-9 Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) in many ways; however, some Texas
1-10 counties have experienced tremendous job losses because of a shift
1-11 in global trade patterns precipitated by the agreement; and

1-12 WHEREAS, Congress created the Community Adjustment and
1-13 Investment Program (CAIP) in 1998 to mitigate NAFTA job losses
1-14 through grants, loans, and loan guarantees to local communities,
1-15 companies, institutions, and organizations; and

1-16 WHEREAS, An affiliate of the North American Development Bank
1-17 headquartered in San Antonio, CAIP has brought more than \$76
1-18 million in direct and leveraged funds to Texas, accounting for
1-19 approximately one-half of the program's national resources; and

1-20 WHEREAS, Thirty-two Texas counties, the most in any state,
1-21 are eligible for assistance, and together the counties are expected
1-22 to create or preserve a total of 3,798 private sector jobs because
1-23 of the CAIP investment; and

1-24 WHEREAS, CAIP grants and loans are funded by annual
1-25 congressional appropriations; however, CAIP did not receive
1-26 funding in the federal 2002 or 2003 fiscal year budget; and

1-27 WHEREAS, The need for CAIP assistance is greater than ever
1-28 because of the increasing number of job losses resulting from the
1-29 trade impacts of NAFTA, the extent of which has affected nearly 32
1-30 counties in Texas and 40 other states to date; now, therefore, be it

1-31 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
1-32 hereby respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to
1-33 reinstate funding for the Community Adjustment and Investment
1-34 Program; and, be it further

1-35 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
1-36 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to
1-37 the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the
1-38 senate of the United States Congress, and to all the members of the
1-39 Texas delegation to the congress with the request that this
1-40 resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a
1-41 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

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