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H. RES. 705

Expressing support for the designation of a “Buy American Week”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BILBRAY (for himself, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. JONES, Mr. POSEY, Ms. JENKINS, Mr. FORTENBERRY, Mr. COBLE, Mr. FILNER, Mr. SCHILLING, Mr. McCOTTER, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. WOLF, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, and Mr. LOEBSACK) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of a “Buy American Week”.

Whereas the United States trade deficit represents an insolvent imbalance in the exports and imports of our country;

Whereas the United States global trade deficit in goods was \$726,700,000,000 in 2011, which represents nearly a \$100,000,000,000 increase from 2010;

Whereas domestic manufacturing represented only 9 percent of the United States labor force in 2010 compared to 13 percent in 2000;

Whereas the United States lost approximately 5,200,000 factory jobs between 2000 and 2010;

Whereas over half of the manufactured goods bought and sold in America are imported from foreign countries;

Whereas this reduction in domestic manufacturing affects not only labor force participation, but national security and economic independence;

Whereas domestic manufacturing is a critical component of job creation and economic growth;

Whereas country labeling plays an important role in informing consumers of the country of origin of a product;

Whereas the United States was founded on principles of economic freedom and independence;

Whereas recognizing the Fourth of July is an opportunity for Americans to reflect and celebrate the founding of the United States; and

Whereas the first week in July, 2012, would be an appropriate period to designate as “Buy American Week”:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives sup-
2 ports—

3 (1) the designation of “Buy American Week” in
4 support of United States heritage; and

5 (2) the encouragement of consumer investment
6 in products made in the United States.

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