

House Resolution 477

By: Representative Richardson of the 19th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the vital role the manufacturing industry plays in the American economy and
2 requesting that the United States Congress support legislative efforts to invest in the
3 manufacturing sector, including the domestic auto industry; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, as the country copes with economic challenges beyond those this generation has
5 experienced, a host of ideas and proposals have been put forth in an effort to alleviate
6 economic stress; and

7 WHEREAS, the complexities of the problems facing the nation are mirrored in the variety
8 of stimulus legislation proposals and many valid projects are being suggested, including
9 those rebuilding the country's infrastructure; and

10 WHEREAS, as part of this national discussion, however, it is imperative that appropriate
11 focus remain on the cornerstone of our economy and our national defense – the
12 manufacturing sector; and

13 WHEREAS, the rise of the domestic auto industry over the last century has not only fueled
14 the manufacturing might of the United States, it has also contributed enormously to the
15 growth of the middle class; and

16 WHEREAS, less obvious are the ways in which the auto industry continues to spur
17 technological advances; and

18 WHEREAS, with focus on creating alternate power sources and developing advancements
19 in battery and fuel cell capabilities, the automotive industry remains on the forefront of
20 offering exciting possibilities not only in the production and use of cars, but also for the
21 generation of power for homes and businesses; and

22 WHEREAS, in the overall effort to revitalize the economy, it is helpful to remember how
23 other nations invest in their manufacturing industry to propel their countries, and the
24 far-reaching ramifications of a collapse of the domestic auto industry must not be ignored;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, with the acknowledged goal of cleaner technology and national fuel economy
27 standards, there are many opportunities for renewal for an industry with millions of workers
28 employed with the car companies themselves and within the broad network of suppliers in
29 states all across America; and

30 WHEREAS, these exciting possibilities can reach fulfillment only if the country's leaders
31 make a commitment to work with the private sector to develop incentives and make
32 significant investments in manufacturing, especially in the domestic auto industry; and

33 WHEREAS, focusing economic stimulus projects and proposals on the manufacturing and
34 automotive industries is an investment in every citizen of the United States and is essential
35 to the future economic health of this nation.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body memorialize the Congress of the United States to support
38 legislative efforts to invest in the manufacturing sector, including the domestic auto industry.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
40 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the President of the United
41 States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and each member
42 of the Georgia congressional delegation.