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RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE IOWA YOUTH LEADERSHIP TOWN HALL MEETING ON FREE AND FAIR TRADE TO BE HELD ON JUNE 21, 2007 IN AMES, IOWA.

WHEREAS, Iowa’s manufacturing sector, as well as suppliers and ancillary businesses, has lost more than 27,000 jobs since 1998; and,

WHEREAS, Manufacturing employs more than 70,652 people in Polk County, accounting for 20 percent of the jobs in the country; and,

WHEREAS, Agriculture employs more than 20 percent of the people in the state of Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, Agriculture in Polk County accounts for nearly 1.7 percent of the jobs in the county, representing a \$1.72 billion effect on the local economy; and,

WHEREAS, Manufacturing is a vital part of the Iowa and American economy, providing tens of millions of families with jobs; and,

WHEREAS, American manufacturing creates, on average, four indirect and support jobs for every one it creates; and,

WHEREAS, Foreign governments that provide huge subsidies to their domestic agriculture businesses directly and adversely impact Iowa and American farmers. Free trade in agriculture means more global markets would be opened to domestically-produced agricultural products; and,

WHEREAS, \$136 billion in wages are expected to shift from the U. S. to low-cost nations by 2015; these American jobs go to workers who are paid just pennies per hour in unsafe conditions, and who receive no medical or other benefits; and,

WHEREAS, the United States trade deficit has been fluctuating between \$60 billion and \$70 billion per month, and surpassed \$725 billion in 2005; and,

WHEREAS, Industries that once were the pride of their communities and employed generations of the same families have lost jobs to foreign nations where labor is artificially cheap, where currency is illegally manipulated, and where environmental standards are not enforced, rendering domestic manufacturing unable to compete; and,

WHEREAS, Youth leaders at Iowa State University have joined across party lines to recognize the importance of these issues to all Iowans and Americans; and NOW THEREFORE;

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BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF DES MOINES, IOWA, that the City Council, on behalf of residents and businesses of Des Moines, encourages attendance at the Youth Leadership Town Hall Meeting on June 21, 2007, at 5:30 p.m. at the Hilton Coliseum on the campus of Iowa State University and supports this effort to promote free and fair trade policy.

Moved by _____ to adopt.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bruce Bergman
City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
COLEMAN				
HENSLEY				
KIERNAN				
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MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

Mayor

CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

City Clerk