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Urging the Government of the People's Republic of China to take certain actions regarding exports of coke.

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Mr. RYAN of Ohio (for himself and Mr. MANZULLO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

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Whereas coking coal, which is derived from metallurgical coal, is used almost exclusively in blast furnaces by integrated steel mills;

Whereas an antidumping case against the People's Republic of China and Japan relating to imports of coke from those countries, that was brought in 2001 by domestic furnace coke producers in the United States, is still being considered (after a ruling that there was no domestic harm);

Whereas China accounts for 80 percent of the world coke trade;

Whereas coke exports from China have flattened (and possibly fallen) as China's steel production has surged; and

Whereas the increase in demand for steel in China may have arisen from the subsidization by the Chinese Government of metals-consuming industries: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Government of the People's Re-
2 public of China, given the global shortage of coke,
3 should—

4 (1) take the necessary steps to ensure that Chi-
5 nese companies that export coke are not charging
6 any form of export license fees for such exports;

7 (2) remove any limitation on the quantity of
8 coke that may be exported from the People's Repub-
9 lic of China;

10 (3) allow more companies to export coke from
11 the People's Republic of China in order to promote
12 fair market pricing of that product; and

13 (4) take the necessary steps to provide export
14 licenses for coke without cost or delay.

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