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To affirm the national policy of metric conversion benefiting the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. PELL introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

JOINT RESOLUTION

To affirm the national policy of metric conversion benefiting the United States.

Whereas Congress passed the Metric Conversion Act of 1975 (15 U.S.C. 205a et seq.) on December 15, 1975;

Whereas it is the policy of the United States Government to coordinate and plan the increasing use of the metric system;

Whereas some achievements have been made in industry toward the use of the metric system, and Federal agencies have begun the process of conversion to the metric system;

Whereas the principal benefit of accelerating the metric changeover is an improvement in the ability of the Nation

to export and compete more favorably in growing world markets;

Whereas the twelve nations of the European Community are now one market and will soon accept only metrically labeled imports;

Whereas United States trade deficits could be substantially reduced by the increased availability to our trading partners of United States products made to metric scale;

Whereas corporate policies toward the use of metrics in manufacturing and international trade can expand productivity and increase small business opportunity;

Whereas the metric changeover should continue to take place in the United States whenever it is in the best interests of the consumer and the producer; and

Whereas the Federal Government, by law or regulation, should not discourage nor prohibit the voluntary process of metric transition: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds that—

5 (1) the increasing use of the metric system is
6 of benefit to the United States; and

7 (2) continued conversion to the metric system
8 in the United States will contribute to a reduction
9 in the trade deficit by making United States prod-
10 ucts more marketable in international trade, thereby

1 preserving jobs and promoting growth in the United
2 States economy.

3 **SEC. 2. REAFFIRMING NATIONAL POLICY.**

4 Congress hereby reaffirms the national policy of the
5 United States set forth in the Metric Conversion Act of
6 1975 (15 U.S.C. 205a et seq.) and calls for the initiation
7 of specific programs, including new initiatives in the field
8 of metric education, to speed conversion to the metric sys-
9 tem of measurement.

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