

As symbolized by the ludicrously unequal auto tariffs left in place by U.S. negotiators of China trade deals, U.S. policy on automotive trade with China is speeding down the same road, and will likely produce the same results. The United States still runs a small trade surplus in autos with China. But since 2000, Chinese auto exports to the U.S. have outpaced U.S. vehicle exports to China by a four-to-one ratio.

Yet it is vital to realize that the development of China as an automotive export platform has only just begun. Vehicle makers from all over the world (Japan, Europe, the United States, and China itself) are building far more auto production capacity in the People's Republic than the Chinese market can possibly absorb. And since China desperately needs to create jobs to keep politically explosive unemployment in check, Beijing has no interest in preventing or even slowing this production glut. Indeed, to reduce joblessness, it has every interest in encouraging overproduction and exporting the surplus. The United States, the world's largest single national automotive market, and the most open major market by far, is the most promising destination.

Chinese auto makers, who frequently steal U.S. know-how outright or force their U.S. partners to transfer it, have already announced plans to sell hundreds of thousands of vehicles in the United States by 2012. And foreign auto makers in China (including U.S. multinational companies) will jump on the export bandwagon as well.

The bottom line is that, without dramatic changes in U.S. trade policy, China's inevitable emergence as an auto export power will either further undermine U.S.-owned, U.S.-based auto production, or it will permit such production to survive only on a greatly reduced scale, and with a dramatically lower pay structure.

The Unfair Chinese Automotive Tariff Equalization Act can begin reversing this process, and help put the U.S.-owned auto industry and the domestic manufacturing base as a whole back on the path of high-wage growth not low-wage stagnation. And the time to pass it is now, before the Chinese export drive takes off.

We strongly urge prompt House and Senate passage, and we will do everything we can to help make it the law of the land.

Sincerely,

KEVIN L. KEARNS,
President.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 376, CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007

Mrs. CAPITO, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 109-405) on the resolution (H. Res. 766) providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 376) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2007 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 through 2011, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION WAIVING REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(a) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. CAPITO, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 109-406) on the resolution (H. Res. 767) waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

A DYNASTY IS BORN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, for years, the University of Maryland Terrapin sports fans have advised our opponents that they should "fear the turtle." Well, tonight, in my opinion, we can alter that formulation somewhat. They should "revere the turtle."

Tonight, Mr. Speaker, I want to extend my congratulations to Coach Brenda Frese and her coaching staff and the University of Maryland Women's Basketball Team on winning the national championship last night with an exciting, nail-biting 78-75 victory in overtime over a talented, courageous Duke University team.

Mr. Speaker, there is a deep, long-standing rivalry between University of Maryland, my alma mater, and Duke University. But I think anyone watching that game last night, regardless of who they were cheering for, had to be unbelievably impressed by the athleticism, the teamwork, the sportsmanship, the determination shown by the women of both teams, the University of Maryland and Duke, two great universities.

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Quite simply, this was college athletics at its finest, and I might say, at least in the second half for me, the most entertaining. Who could not be impressed by this awesome display of basketball fundamentals, from shooting, to passing, to rebounding, to sound team defense.

In their come-from-behind win, the Terrapins erased a 13-point second-half deficit. The largest deficit that had been overcome, except for a 14-point deficit, and the freshman guard, Kristi Toliver, hit a 3-point shot with 6.1 seconds left to play, and she hit that shot over an extraordinary center who plays for Duke who is 6 foot 7 fully extended, and she got that shot over her outstretched hand. Kristi is not lacking in confidence, you can tell.

Terp Marissa Coleman said, "We've played like this all year. Nothing gets to us. We never thought we were going to lose this game." That positive psychology led to victory.

The Terps win caps a tremendous 34-4 season and makes Maryland only the

fourth university in America, and the gentleman from Connecticut is here, and Connecticut is one of those universities who has had both of its men's team win the national championship and its women's team win the national championship. They are two extraordinary programs, both the men and women in Connecticut. Stanford is one of those four, and then there are two ACC schools that fit that category, the University of North Carolina and the University of Maryland. Our men's team won the national championship just a few years ago in 2002.

The Lady Terps' championship quest was not paved with ease, however. Before reaching the final matchup with Duke University, the team defeated Sacred Heart 91-80; St. John's, an outstanding program, 81-74; and defending national champion Baylor 82-63; Utah in overtime 75-65; then perennial powers North Carolina, 81-70. And lastly, for the national championship, the extraordinarily good Duke team.

Mr. Speaker, this was a consummate team win for the most unselfish of teams. In this championship game, for example, three Terps scored 16 points each. One scored 12 points, and another scored 10 points. In other words, all five starters were in double figures.

And, what makes this championship win even more impressive is that the Terps have no seniors on their team. They started two freshmen, two sophomores and one junior so we are going to be around for a little bit of time. The Lady Terps are extraordinary young women, proud today, as they will be tomorrow when I think we are visiting the White House. They are: Charmaine Carr; Marissa Coleman; Shay Doron; Laura Harper, who was voted the most outstanding player of the tournament among a lot of outstanding players; Crystal Langhorne, an All American; Kristi Marrone; Kalika France; Ashleigh Newman; Aurelie Noriez; Jade Perry; Angel Ross; Kristi Toliver and Sa'de Wiley-Gatewood.

The coaching staff, in addition to Head Coach Frese, includes Jeff Walz, Erica Floyd, Joanna Bernabei, and Director of Basketball Operations Mark Pearson.

Let me say that Head Coach Frese deserves extraordinary credit for turning the Maryland women's program around in just 4 short years she has been at Maryland. We got her from Minnesota. I know Minnesota is sorry to have lost her, but what a great gain for us. Brenda arrived in College Park in 2003 from the University of Minnesota after leading the Gophers to a 2-8 record in 2002 and being named the Associated Press National Coach of the Year.

In 2003, the Terps went 10-18 in a rebuilding year, and in both 2004 and 2005, just the next season, Brenda Frese saw her teams advance to the second round of the NCAA tournament with records of 18-13 and 22-10 respectively in those years.