

Rep. Young offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 179.

A resolution urging the President and Congress to mobilize our industrial resources to support the war effort in order to accelerate our ability to return our troops home.

Whereas, Americans are growing weary of our lengthy military campaigns. While there are signs of progress, the pace is too slow. Our brave ground forces, in particular, are strained by repeated deployments. The cost of the war also diverts resources that could go to pressing domestic needs. The sight of our flags at half-staff is another reminder of the human cost of the war. We simply must do more to support our forces in the field in order to end the war as soon as possible; and

Whereas, The American economy remains capable of much more effort in support of the war. Despite major advances in developing new equipment to make our forces more effective and better protected, the time it takes to get new material into the field prevents all of the soldiers, Marines, airmen, and sailors from rapidly replacing older equipment. During World War II, Michigan earned the reputation as the Arsenal of Democracy for its ability to convert civilian industry to war production. Michigan's struggling economy retains an industrial base that could be harnessed far more effectively to ensure that new equipment is quickly produced for our military personnel in harm's way; and

Whereas, The federal government must do all it can to support our troops in the field in order to hasten the day our men and women in uniform can come home to a grateful nation. Michigan's potential to solve our procurement delays by mobilizing our industrial capacity to produce military equipment on a large scale in a short period of time should be exploited. We have the infrastructure and skilled workforce to once again make Michigan an Arsenal of Democracy; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the President and Congress to mobilize our industrial resources to support the war effort in order to accelerate our ability to return our troops home; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.