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Mr. Burke of Massachusetts (for himself and Mr. D'Amours, Mr. Luken,  
and Mr. Tucker)

### RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the President's action of April 1, 1977, regarding import relief for the nonrubber footwear industry.

Whereas, the United States International Trade Commission unanimously found that the domestic nonrubber footwear industry and its workers are experiencing serious injury due to increased imports and recommended the imposition of a five-year tariff-rate quota on shoe imports as the form of relief, and the President affirmed that finding but rejected the Commission's recommendation for a tariff-rate quota as the remedy; and

Whereas, the President announced on April 1, 1977 that orderly marketing agreements will be negotiated in lieu of implementing the International Trade Commission import relief recommendation, but has not made known the volume of shoe imports that would be subject to such agreements, which supplying countries would be subject to the import limitations (either as participants or non-participants in the agreements), the number of years the limitations would be in effect, or what administrative measures would be implemented to make the program effective; and

Whereas, it is consequently not clear that the negotiation of orderly marketing agreements, or the relief measures imposed if such agreements are not reached, would result in meaningful import relief to the domestic nonrubber footwear industry consistent with the serious injury found by the International Trade Commission and affirmed by the President:  
Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that should orderly marketing agreements, or other relief actions taken by the President, not provide limits on footwear imported into the United States which would maintain a viable domestic nonrubber footwear industry, then the House should proceed immediately to approve a concurrent resolution (as provided for under section 203(c) of the Trade Act of 1974) disapproving the President's import relief action on nonrubber footwear of April 1, 1977, and thereby implement the five-year tariff-rate quota on such footwear as recommended by the International Trade Commission.