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RESOLUTION NUMBER R-260326

Adopted on March 20, 1984

WHEREAS, inconsistencies in the tariff rate for imported canned tuna specify a 35% rate on tuna packed in oil while tuna packed in water enjoys a meager 6% rate; and

WHEREAS, over 290 million cans of imported tuna canned in water entered the United States in 1983; and

WHEREAS, such imports gained 40% in 1983 alone and are showing an alarming increase so far in 1984 over the 1983 imports; and

WHEREAS, the entire California Tuna Industry has been seriously injured over the past 30 months, resulting in a 23% employment decline since 1981 (4,000 lost jobs), a 16% decline in tuna cannery processing capacity between 1981 and 1982, and the idleness or under-utilization of more than 20% of the tuna fleet; and

WHEREAS, the tuna canners in San Diego and Los Angeles are in grave jeopardy presently because of the burgeoning amount of tuna canned in water that is being imported; and

WHEREAS, the loss of local tuna industry facilities will, in turn, damage many other related enterprises; and

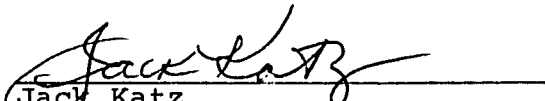
WHEREAS, the United States International Trade Commission is reviewing a petition filed by the California Tuna Industry on February 15, 1984; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of The City of San Diego wishes to show its support for the California Tuna Industry; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that the Congress of the United States be and it is hereby urged to take appropriate steps immediately to raise the tariff on imported tuna canned in water to 35% or more and to incorporate all measures necessary to bring stability and equity to our own California Tuna Industry.

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