

RESOLUTION NO. R 031 85

REQUESTING SENATOR JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR., SENATOR WILLIAM V. ROTH, Jr. AND REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS R. CARPER TO SUPPORT THE TEXTILE AND APPAREL TRADE ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1985 (H.R. 1562 AND S. 680)

WHEREAS, imports of fiber, textiles and apparel have increased at a much greater pace than anticipated by the "Voluntary" Multi-Fiber Agreement (MFA); and

WHEREAS, imports in 1984 represented 43% of the U.S. apparel market, far larger than the 20-25% import share experienced with the automobile and steel industries; and

WHEREAS, the Multi-Fiber Agreement envisioned a 6% per year orderly growth rate with the objective of helping the economies of developing countries; and

WHEREAS, the American Textile Industry is the largest manufacturing employer in the United States, and the Du Pont Company in Seaford is the largest single employer in Sussex County which has suffered a dramatic reduction in its work force as a result of the unfair competition of foreign competitors who care little of "free market concepts"; and

WHEREAS, a real threat exists as to the continued operation of this facility in Seaford, the closing of which would be an economic catastrophe in Sussex County of the worst magnitude; and

WHEREAS, the Du Pont Nylon Plant in Seaford is a major part of our past, present and future and has provided career opportunities for generations of Sussex Countians and hopefully will provide those opportunities for generations yet to come,

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Delaware Association of Counties urges Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Senator William V. Roth, Jr. and Representative Thomas R. Carper to support the Textile and Apparel Trade Enforcement Act of 1985 (H.R. 1562 and S. 680), the passage of which will set limits on imports from major exporting countries

(Korea, Taiwan, Peoples Republic of China) at levels which would have existed anyway if the Multi-Fiber Agreement had been enforced by the Administration from 1980 to 1984.

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF RESOLUTION NO. R 031 85 PASSED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF SUSSEX COUNTY ON THE 27TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1985.

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CLERK OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL