

[Jt. Res. No. 67, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 40, S.

Relating to the establishment of more friendly relations with Russia and for the resumption of trade and commerce with the Russian people.

WHEREAS, The chaos of world economic security ensuing from the tragedies of the late war, together with an impoverished trade and commercial status of all nations, resulting in a lack of employment, shortage of supplies and manufactured products and unestimated suffering to humanity; and

WHEREAS, A speedy resumption of trade and commercial relationship among nations would materially tend to remove the dangers of economic and commercial depression now existing, give employment to the five millions of idle American working men, and place our great inactive industrial plants on a flourishing basis; and

WHEREAS, The great Russian empire with its unlimited natural resources, vast areas of tillable fields, and one hundred and eighty millions of people is in dire necessity for the manufactured products that the industries and people of Wisconsin, as well as other states, can so profitably produce; and

WHEREAS, The securities held by Russia have been deemed adequate by England and other nations as indicated by their present haste to negotiate and bid for the trade with Russia; and

WHEREAS, From time immemorial there have existed, with two misunderstandings, most cordial relationships between the governments of the United States and Russia; now therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That the senate and house of representatives of the United States be, and are hereby urged to use every reasonable effort in their power and enact all necessary legislation that will tend at once to give employment to the unemployed working men of this nation.

Resolved further, That in order to promote this object that congress enact all necessary legislation for speedy extension of trade between the people of the United States and the people of Russia.

Further Resolved, That a suitable copy of this resolution attested by the signatures of the presiding officers and chief clerks of senate and assembly be transmitted to the president of the United States and to each member of congress and the United States senators from Wisconsin.