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**HOUSE RESOLUTION 151  
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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION ASKING THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY TO RELY ON NORTH  
2 CAROLINA COMPANIES AND WORKERS FOR THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL  
3 CONVENTION IN 2012.

4       Whereas, the Democratic National Convention for 2012 is being held in Charlotte;  
5 and

6       Whereas, North Carolina's largest city expects more than 40,000 delegates, media  
7 representatives, and visitors for this event; and

8       Whereas, this event should provide a considerable economic boost to the city,  
9 particularly as the unemployment rate in Charlotte is 11.2%, two points higher than the national  
10 average; and

11       Whereas, the unemployment rate in the State of North Carolina is 10.5%, nearly two  
12 points higher than the national average; and

13       Whereas, it is estimated that the presence of the Democratic National Convention  
14 will generate over \$160 million in revenue; and

15       Whereas, the City is already starting to undertake significant fund-raising and  
16 infrastructure activity in preparation for this event; and

17       Whereas, the City of Charlotte has already raised nearly \$60 million in funding to  
18 help bring the event to North Carolina; and

19       Whereas, despite the high unemployment rates in Charlotte, in Mecklenburg  
20 County, and throughout the State of North Carolina, the Democratic National Convention  
21 Committee is outsourcing contracts to vendors outside of the State because it prefers to do  
22 business with unionized companies only; and

23       Whereas, there have been reports in the media of Charlotte-based companies being  
24 refused contracts and the Democratic National Convention awarding a printing services  
25 contract to a unionized company based in Washington, D.C.; and

26       Whereas, North Carolina is a right-to-work state; and

27       Whereas, the City of Charlotte should not bear the financial and infrastructure  
28 burden of the convention if a significant portion of the revenue goes to out-of-state firms  
29 because they are unionized; Now, therefore,

30 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

31       **SECTION 1.** The North Carolina House of Representatives urges the Democratic  
32 Party to rely on North Carolina companies and workers for its contracts leading up to and  
33 during the 2012 Democratic National Convention, particularly those based in the  
34 Charlotte-Mecklenburg County metropolitan area, and urges the Democratic National  
35 Convention Committee to change its rules to respect North Carolina's right-to-work laws and  
36 refrain from hiring workers and companies from outside the State of North Carolina when  
37 qualified business and workers are available within the State.



1                   **SECTION 2.** The Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives shall send a  
2 certified copy of this resolution to each member of the North Carolina congressional delegation  
3 and to the North Carolina members of the Democratic National Committee.

4                   **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.