

**STUDENT SENATE BILL 2009-1004**

**TITLE: Resolution in Support of American Jobs and Industry**

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**WHEREAS,** according to the US Census Bureau, the trade deficit of the USA was USD 61.6 billion for the month of October 2008, compared to the cost of the war in Iraq which averages USD 10.2 billion per month; and

**WHEREAS,** free trade is not really free due to protectionist policies held by many trade-partner countries; and

**WHEREAS,** the US national debt is at USD 10.6 trillion and increasing at a rate of USD 102 billion per month; and

**WHEREAS,** according to the NSF, the US has maintained its world dominance historically through its technological superiority, and the losses of manufacturing and tech jobs through off-shoring will likely cause the erosion of US dominance; and

**WHEREAS,** the US has previously compensated for job losses due to off-shoring through development of new industries fueled by American research and innovation, however, this has become more difficult due to off-shoring of research centers themselves and cuts to government sponsored research which has crippled innovation; and

**WHEREAS,** according to the Labor Department, American job losses, on an annual basis, are at the highest level since 1945 and unemployment/underemployment is up to 13.5% as of December 2008; and

**WHEREAS,** according to the US Department of Commerce report on Manufacturing (2004), the domestic production of goods is necessary for a strong and secure economy; and

**WHEREAS,** funding for education is being cut severely due to the weak economy; then

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Student Senate of the University of Florida urges all students and other members of the University of Florida community to support the American worker and economy by purchasing goods and services produced in the USA.



## Bureau of Labor Statistics

Measure	Not seasonally adjusted			Seasonally adjusted					
	Dec. 2007	Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008	Dec. 2007	Aug. 2008	Sept. 2008	Oct. 2008	Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008
U-1 Persons unemployed 15 weeks or longer, as a percent of the civilian labor force .....	1.6	2.5	2.8	1.6	2.2	2.4	2.7	2.6	2.9
U-2 Job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs, as a percent of the civilian labor force .....	2.6	3.7	4.5	2.5	3.2	3.5	3.8	4.0	4.2
U-3 Total unemployed, as a percent of the civilian labor force (official unemployment rate) .....	4.8	6.5	7.1	4.9	6.2	6.2	6.6	6.8	7.2
U-4 Total unemployed plus discouraged workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus discouraged workers .....	5.0	6.8	7.5	5.1	6.4	6.5	6.9	7.1	7.6
U-5 Total unemployed, plus discouraged workers, plus all other marginally attached workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus all marginally attached workers .....	5.6	7.6	8.3	5.7	7.2	7.2	7.6	7.9	8.3
U-6 Total unemployed, plus all marginally attached workers, plus total employed part time for economic reasons, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus all marginally attached workers .....	8.7	12.2	13.5	8.7	10.9	11.2	12.0	12.6	13.5