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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to ratify the United
2 States-Mexico-Canada Agreement on Trade.

3 WHEREAS, The United States and Canada have one of the largest
4 trading relationships in the world; and

5 WHEREAS, Canada is the United States' largest export market,
6 valued at \$320 billion (\$411 billion Canadian) in goods and
7 services in 2017, and the United States is Canada's largest
8 export market, valued at \$308 billion (\$396 billion Canadian) in
9 goods and services in 2017; and

10 WHEREAS, This trade supports 9 million jobs in the United
11 States and 2.1 million jobs in Canada; and

12 WHEREAS, In the more than 20 years since the United States,
13 Canada and Mexico entered into the North American Free Trade
14 Agreement (NAFTA), trade among these countries tripled from \$340
15 billion in 1993 to \$1.2 trillion in 2016; and

16 WHEREAS, North American integration of trade under NAFTA has
17 helped to make the region more competitive in the world economy
18 by providing highly integrated and valuable supply chains,

1 common rules and harmonized regulations that increase the speed
2 and global competitiveness of one another's businesses and by
3 driving investment and embedding value in each other's economic
4 success, such as creating jobs in North American communities;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Canada and Mexico are the first-ranked and third-
7 ranked markets, respectively, for agriculture exports from the
8 United States at an estimated \$20.6 billion sent to Canada and
9 \$18.6 billion sent to Mexico, up from \$8.7 billion in 1992, the
10 year that NAFTA was signed; and

11 WHEREAS, The United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement comes at a
12 time when the use of tariffs on steel and aluminum, announced by
13 the United States in March 2018, with a revocation of trade-
14 related waivers in June 2018, resulted in imposition of
15 retaliatory tariffs of \$12.8 billion from Canada and \$3 billion
16 in retaliatory tariffs from Mexico on products from the United
17 States; and

18 WHEREAS, In signing the United States-Mexico-Canada
19 Agreement, the three countries have agreed to make targeted
20 improvements to NAFTA and build on the successful partnership
21 and the shared competitiveness in the global marketplace in
22 which free, fair, open and mutually beneficial trade helps to
23 strengthen the economies of all countries; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly
25 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge:

26 (1) the Congress of the United States to ratify the
27 United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement on trade by all
28 countries as soon as possible;

29 (2) the Administration of the United States to renew
30 this country's original waiver on steel and aluminum tariffs

1 for Canada and Mexico; and

2 (3) Canada and Mexico to subsequently remove retaliatory
3 tariffs on all goods and services exports from the United
4 States;

5 and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Commonwealth send copies
7 of this resolution to the President of the United States, the
8 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the
9 Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Consulate of
10 Canada in Colorado and the Consulate of Mexico in Colorado.