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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MAY 15, 2019

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 (2) the Administration of the United States to renew

1 this country's original waiver on steel and aluminum tariffs
2 for Canada and Mexico; and

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

6 and be it further

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