

1-1 By: Lucio, et al. S.C.R. No. 30  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed April 20, 2005; April 21, 2005, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on International Relations and  
1-4 Trade; April 29, 2005, reported favorably by the following vote:  
1-5 Yeas 4, Nays 0; April 29, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-6 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-7 WHEREAS, Mexico is the United States' second-largest trading  
1-8 partner, and approximately 80 percent of all United States trade  
1-9 with Mexico, equivalent to \$230 billion in goods, travels over  
1-10 Texas highways; trade between the two countries has grown from  
1-11 \$81.5 billion in 1993 to \$232 billion in 2002; and

1-12 WHEREAS, Mexico is Texas' number one trading partner and this  
1-13 relationship is an important factor in Texas' economic growth and  
1-14 prosperity; during the 1990s, the Texas economy generally  
1-15 outperformed the nation's economy, due in large part to the  
1-16 strength of the state's exports to Mexico; roughly one out of every  
1-17 10 manufacturing jobs in Texas is tied to exports to Mexico and 44  
1-18 percent of Texas' total exports are made to Mexico; and

1-19 WHEREAS, About 80 percent of all truck traffic between Mexico  
1-20 and the United States enters through a Texas border point of entry;  
1-21 between 1995 and 1999 trade through Texas ports by truck increased  
1-22 by 85 percent, exceeding \$106 billion a year; in 1999 about 4.4  
1-23 million truck crossings were made through nine Texas ports, and  
1-24 Laredo, the busiest port on the border, had 2.8 million commercial  
1-25 vehicle crossings; and

1-26 WHEREAS, Two-way commerce between Texas and Mexico has more  
1-27 than doubled since 1993, from \$100 billion to \$235 billion; over the  
1-28 last seven years, Texas has exported more than \$272 billion to  
1-29 Mexico, and in 2002 those exports accounted for six percent of the  
1-30 gross state product; in that same year exports to Mexico added \$73.2  
1-31 billion in output, \$19.8 billion in earnings, and 745,000 jobs to  
1-32 the Texas economy; now, therefore, be it

1-33 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas  
1-34 hereby urge the State of Texas to continue to pursue opportunities  
1-35 to increase trade with Mexico by creating policies and programs  
1-36 aimed at increasing trade, including improving communications and  
1-37 cooperation, and by encouraging meetings and interactions among  
1-38 federal, state, and local governments; and, be it further

1-39 RESOLVED, That the legislature hereby encourage the State of  
1-40 Texas to strengthen ties with neighboring Mexican states and urge  
1-41 the Texas and Mexican authorities to develop a working plan to study  
1-42 the flow of commerce and propose initiatives to mitigate delays at  
1-43 border crossings between Mexico and Texas.

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