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H.R. No. 408

Substitute the following for H.R. No. 408:

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C.S.H.R. No. 408

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Since its ratification in 1994, the North American
2 Free Trade Agreement has produced great opportunities for economic
3 growth and development in the United States and our bordering
4 countries; and

5 WHEREAS, According to the U.S. Census Bureau, American trade
6 with Canada and Mexico has tripled under NAFTA, reaching an annual
7 total of \$1 trillion in 2015; Mexico is America's third-largest
8 export market for agricultural products, including corn, soybeans,
9 dairy, pork, and beef, and each year Texas sends about 36 percent of
10 the state's total exports to Mexico; furthermore, Canada is the
11 world's leading purchaser of U.S. goods; and

12 WHEREAS, NAFTA has benefited American workers by creating new
13 avenues for employment; a 2014 study conducted by the U.S. Chamber
14 of Commerce showed that nearly five million U.S. jobs, including
15 some 350,000 in Texas, are supported by increased trade from NAFTA;
16 in addition, 90 percent of Fortune 500 companies have investments
17 in Mexico; and

18 WHEREAS, NAFTA has had particularly profound and positive
19 implications for Texas; according to the U.S. Department of
20 Commerce, NAFTA has created over 190,000 export-related jobs in
21 Texas; the state has also seen a substantial increase in exports to
22 Canada and Mexico since NAFTA was enacted; and

23 WHEREAS, Through NAFTA, Canada and Mexico have become
24 America's largest and third-largest trading partners,

1 respectively; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
3 Legislature hereby respectfully urge Congress to work with the
4 president of the United States to improve and enhance the North
5 American Free Trade Agreement through modernization and the
6 recognition of new technological advancements in order to move
7 toward expanding economic opportunity for the betterment of our
8 country; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the chief clerk of the house forward official
10 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to
11 the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of
12 Representatives of the United States Congress, and to all the
13 members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that
14 this resolution be entered in the Congressional Record as a
15 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.