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H.R. No. 1025

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Trade between Texas and Mexico plays a vital role in
2 the economic prosperity of the Lone Star State; and

3 WHEREAS, Each year, Texas sends about 36 percent of the
4 state's total exports to Mexico, and in 2015, exports to Mexico
5 totaled nearly \$92.5 million; goods exported to Mexico include
6 computer and electronic products, petroleum and coal products,
7 chemicals, machinery, and transportation equipment, all of which
8 are produced by industries that supply hundreds of thousands of
9 jobs to the Lone Star State; and

10 WHEREAS, Since the ratification of the North American Free
11 Trade Agreement in 1994, the export of U.S. goods to Mexico has
12 risen 325 percent, while imports into the United States from Mexico
13 have increased 458 percent; in 2012, Americans spent \$277.5 billion
14 for goods from Mexico, and Mexico is America's third-largest
15 supplier of oil, after Canada and Saudi Arabia; additionally,
16 nearly half of the tomatoes and two-thirds of the mangoes consumed
17 in the United States come from Mexico; and

18 WHEREAS, The importance of this trade to Texas border cities,
19 counties, and businesses is significant, and disruption to
20 international commerce would be economically devastating; and

21 WHEREAS, Mexico is the largest trading partner of Texas and
22 the third-largest of the United States, and it is imperative that
23 our federal government take proactive steps to strengthen ties with
24 Mexico and build bridges of economic opportunity that will benefit

1 Texas and the entire nation; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
3 Legislature hereby urge the United States Congress to recognize the
4 importance of trade between Texas and Mexico and foster
5 international commerce; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the federal executive and legislative
7 branches be urged to fully evaluate the impact of proposed federal
8 trade policies, legislation, executive orders, and other actions on
9 Texas-Mexico commerce; and, be it further

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