

1-1 By: Guillen, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Blanco) H.C.R. No. 108
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 12, 2025;
1-3 May 13, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Water,
1-4 Agriculture and Rural Affairs; May 23, 2025, reported favorably by
1-5 the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 1; May 23, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
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1-17 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-18 WHEREAS, The State of Texas and Mexico have greatly benefited
1-19 from their strong economic relationship and long history of
1-20 bilateral trade; and

1-21 WHEREAS, Fresh tomatoes imported from Mexico contribute more
1-22 than \$7.5 billion to the U.S. economy and support nearly 50,000
1-23 jobs; more than half of the imported tomatoes enter through ports in
1-24 Pharr and Laredo, with an estimated value of nearly \$1.5 billion;
1-25 and

1-26 WHEREAS, The Suspension Agreement on Fresh Tomatoes from
1-27 Mexico, or the Tomato Suspension Agreement, is the result of a
1-28 collaborative effort involving the U.S. Department of Commerce and
1-29 nearly 700 producers and exporters of fresh tomatoes grown in
1-30 Mexico; the agreement first became effective on November 1, 1996,
1-31 and its most recent update went into effect on September 19, 2019;
1-32 and

1-33 WHEREAS, Under the Tomato Suspension Agreement, signatory
1-34 producers and exporters must sell Mexican tomatoes at or above a
1-35 specific reference price to eliminate the injurious effects of
1-36 exports of fresh tomatoes to the United States; the agreement has
1-37 helped to bring stability to the tomato market while complying with
1-38 U.S. trade laws, and it has established strong enforcement and
1-39 monitoring mechanisms; in addition, the agreement ensures that U.S.
1-40 consumers have access to a wide selection of fresh tomatoes
1-41 year-round; and

1-42 WHEREAS, The termination of the Tomato Suspension Agreement
1-43 would subject U.S. companies to a 17.09 percent tariff on each
1-44 shipment of tomatoes imported from Mexico, resulting in severe
1-45 economic harm to numerous businesses and communities in Texas; the
1-46 estimated potential loss to the state's economy is more than
1-47 \$4.5 billion and 32,000 jobs; the vast majority of produce
1-48 warehouses in the Rio Grande Valley would see immediate and severe
1-49 reductions in their business, and many would face the threat of
1-50 closure; moreover, high duties on tomatoes would negatively impact
1-51 consumers by inflating prices and limiting the supply of
1-52 vine-ripened and specialty tomatoes, which are predominantly
1-53 imported by Texas companies; and

1-54 WHEREAS, Countless businesses, residents, workers, and
1-55 citizens of Texas have benefited from the Tomato Suspension
1-56 Agreement, and its continuation is vital to the economy of the Lone
1-57 Star State; now, therefore, be it

1-58 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas
1-59 hereby respectfully urge the U.S. Department of Commerce to
1-60 maintain the Tomato Suspension Agreement; and, be it further

1-61 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward an

2-1 official copy of this resolution to the U.S. Secretary of Commerce.

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