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S.C.R. No. 37

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Panama Canal is a vital maritime passage that facilitates trade and ensures the efficient movement of goods between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans; and

WHEREAS, The expansion of the Panama Canal has significantly increased the volume of cargo passing through the waterway, benefiting the shipping industry and the economies of the United States and Texas; and

WHEREAS, The ports of Texas serve as critical hubs and are directly impacted by the efficiency and security of the Panama Canal; and

WHEREAS, Texas ports handle a substantial portion of U.S. exports, including energy products such as liquefied natural gas (LNG), crude oil, and refined petroleum, as well as agricultural goods and manufactured products; and

WHEREAS, The economic prosperity of the State of Texas and the broader United States depends on the continued free flow of goods through the Panama Canal to support supply chains, trade agreements, and domestic industries; and

WHEREAS, Ensuring the security and stability of the Panama Canal is essential for maintaining U.S. national security interests, preventing disruptions of trade, and countering foreign influence in the region; and

WHEREAS, Investments in Texas ports, infrastructure, and

1 trade partnerships reinforce the strategic position of the United
2 States as a global economic leader; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas
4 hereby recognize the strategic importance of the Panama Canal to
5 the economic strength of the United States and the State of Texas;
6 and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Texas Legislature support continued
8 investment in Texas ports and infrastructure to maximize the
9 benefits of global trade and ensure long-term economic
10 competitiveness; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Texas Legislature urge the Trump
12 Administration to prioritize diplomatic engagement with Panama to
13 maintain the security, efficiency, and accessibility of the canal
14 for U.S. commerce; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Texas Legislature encourage policies that
16 enhance the ability of Texas industries to compete in global
17 markets through reliable and cost-effective shipping channels;
18 and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Texas Legislature call for collaboration
20 between federal, state, and private sector stakeholders to
21 strengthen supply chain resilience and safeguard U.S. economic
22 interests; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
24 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to
25 the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of
26 Representatives of the United States Congress, and to all the
27 members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that

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1 this resolution be entered in the Congressional Record as a
2 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.