
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES TO SUPPORT THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S
PARTICIPATION IN THE TRANS-PACIFIC FOREIGN TRADE
PARTNERSHIP.

1 WHEREAS, the Trans-Pacific Partnership is led by the United
2 States and writes the rules for global trade that will help
3 increase American made exports, grow the American economy,
4 support American jobs, and strengthen the American middle class;
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7 WHEREAS, the Trans-Pacific Partnership is increasing in
8 importance, and Asia-Pacific countries must integrate into
9 regional economic organizations for the benefits of
10 international communities; and

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12 WHEREAS, The Republic of China, or Taiwan, is a full member
13 of the World Trade Organization and Asia-Pacific Economic
14 Cooperation, and has interacted with the member economies
15 equally and positively over the years, becoming an important
16 economy within the Asia-Pacific region, playing a vital role in
17 the region's supply chain, and vigorously promoting trade
18 liberalization in response to regional integration and global
19 economic challenges; and

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21 WHEREAS, to meet the Trans-Pacific Partnership's high trade
22 standards, Taiwan is forging a nationwide consensus on the pact
23 and addressing discrepancies between domestic trade regulations
24 and international norms, signing landmark economic cooperation
25 pacts in 2013 with New Zealand and Singapore, both agreements a
26 glowing testament to Taiwan's readiness and ability to take part
27 in the Trans-Pacific Partnership; and



1 WHEREAS, Trans-Pacific Partnership countries are important
 2 destinations for Taiwan's foreign direct investment while
 3 Taiwan's import market, worth nearly three hundred billion
 4 dollars a year, is a lucrative target for Trans-Pacific
 5 Partnership exporters; and

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 7 WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States have long enjoyed a
 8 cordial friendship based on shared common interests in promoting
 9 peace, stability, and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region and
 10 Taiwan's participation in the Trans-Pacific Partnership would
 11 not only share the fruits of free trade among members but would
 12 also further enhance and strengthen the bonds of trade between
 13 the people of Taiwan and the United States; now, therefore,

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 15 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 16 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
 17 Session of 2016, the Senate concurring, that the Hawaii State
 18 Legislature urges the United States of America to support the
 19 Republic of China's participation in the Trans-Pacific Foreign
 20 Trade Partnership and encourages Hawaii's Congressional
 21 delegation and other leaders to support negotiations to finalize
 22 the Partnership; and

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 24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
 26 United States, President Pro Tempore of the United States
 27 Senate, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives,
 28 United States Secretary of State, United States Secretary of
 29 Commerce, members of Hawaii's Congressional delegation, and the
 30 Governor.

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