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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 11

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Resolution 11 by replacing
3 everything after the heading with the following:

4 "WHEREAS, For almost 40 years, the United States Congress
5 has pursued expansion of trade opportunities with other
6 countries through free trade agreements that eliminate
7 barriers, create transparency, and set rules to ensure fair
8 trading terms for the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, As of January 1, 2014, the United States has 14
10 free trade agreements with 20 partner countries, including:
11 Australia, Bahrain, Chile, Columbia, Costa Rica, Dominican
12 Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Israel,
13 Jordan, Korea, Morocco, Canada, Mexico, Oman, Panama, Peru, and
14 Singapore; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2012, the United States' current free trade

1 agreements supported nearly 46% of the country's merchandise
2 exports, totaling approximately \$718 billion; and

3 WHEREAS, In July of 2013, the United States began
4 negotiations on a Transatlantic Trade and Investment
5 Partnership (T-TIP) free trade agreement with the European
6 Union; and

7 WHEREAS, The European Union was the United States' largest
8 export market in 2012 and has 28 member countries, including
9 Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic,
10 Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary,
11 Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta,
12 Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia,
13 Spain, Sweden, and the United Kingdom; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2011, the United States and the European Union
15 maintained approximately \$3.7 trillion in investment in each
16 other's economies; and

17 WHEREAS, The United States and the European Union together
18 generate approximately half of the world's gross domestic
19 product output; and

20 WHEREAS, The goals of the T-TIP agreement include a plan to
21 expand the European markets for trade with the United States,

1 thereby strengthening the world's largest investment
2 relationship; and

3 WHEREAS, In 2013, the United States' current free trade
4 agreements benefited the State of Illinois by accounting for
5 nearly 54% of goods exported from the State, totaling
6 approximately \$35.7 billion; and

7 WHEREAS, Illinois' largest merchandise export categories
8 are machinery, transportation equipment, chemicals, computer
9 and electronic products, and petroleum and coal products; and

10 WHEREAS, Illinois' top industrial goods exported to the
11 European Union include machinery products with an approximate
12 tariff rate of 9.7%, chemicals with an approximate tariff rate
13 of 6.5%, and automotive products with an approximate tariff
14 rate of 22%; and

15 WHEREAS, The elimination of tariffs through T-TIP will
16 allow Illinois to gain greater market access for all goods
17 exported to the European Union and its trade partners by
18 enhancing the State's competitiveness in the global
19 marketplace; and

20 WHEREAS, Any "Fast Track" or Trade Promotion Authority
21 legislation filed before Congress must have greater openness,

1 robust opportunities for citizen and Congressional
2 participation in trade negotiations, and clear accountability
3 mechanisms to ensure the executive branch brings back trade
4 deals that will have a positive impact on the United States
5 trade balance by creating good, family-wage jobs, promoting
6 transparency in maintaining health, safety, and environmental
7 protections, addressing localized discriminatory practices,
8 and ensuring that state and local governments can continue to
9 legislate and regulate in the public interest; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
12 urge Congress to use its authority under Article I, Section 8
13 of the United States Constitution, to "regulate Commerce with
14 foreign Nations" if any "Fast Track" or "Trade Promotion
15 Authority" legislation fails to meet the aforementioned
16 requirements; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That we urge the United States Trade
18 Representative to negotiate the Transatlantic Trade and
19 Investment Partnership (T-TIP) in a fair and transparent way
20 that will have a positive impact on the United States trade
21 balance; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
23 presented to the President of the United States, the United

1 States Trade Representative, the United States Senate Majority
2 Leader, and the United States Senate Minority Leader.".