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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 37

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Joint Resolution 37 by
3 deleting everything and replacing it with the following:

4 "WHEREAS, According to the United States Census Bureau,
5 Illinois is currently the fifth most populous state in the
6 country, with approximately 12,800,000 residents; and

7 WHEREAS, Illinois is the largest exporting state in the
8 Midwest, and the fifth largest exporting state in the United
9 States; and

10 WHEREAS, Since 2009, Illinois exports have increased by
11 \$26.6 billion, or 64%, outperforming the national average of
12 53.5%; and

13 WHEREAS, Direct Illinois exports accounted for nearly 10%
14 of the Gross State Product (GSP); and

1 WHEREAS, The role of Illinois in the global marketplace is
2 currently in flux as a new United States Trade Representative
3 takes office and the new presidential administration has
4 created a White House National Trade Council; and

5 WHEREAS, In recent years, the Illinois General Assembly has
6 taken action on issues involving international trade which, if
7 enacted, would almost certainly trigger claims by the World
8 Trade Organization (WTO) against the United States, and
9 possibly the imposition of countervailing duties or
10 retaliatory tariffs by U.S. global trading partners; and

11 WHEREAS, The United States Census Bureau generates
12 international trade statistics relative to the importation and
13 exportation of products and goods in and to all 50 states and
14 some territories; and

15 WHEREAS, Comparative advantage is a concept in
16 international trade law and economics which provides that
17 countries should be encouraged to produce what they are best at
18 producing and export such products and goods, and import those
19 products and goods from a trading partner who is the best at
20 producing that particular product or good; and

21 WHEREAS, The most recent trade statistics show that the

1 trade preferences provided to some non-market economies
2 affects the theory of comparative advantage and possibly
3 weakens the role that Illinois plays in the global marketplace;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, According to the United Nations, the World Bank,
6 and the International Monetary Fund, the United States is the
7 world's largest economy and China is the second largest economy
8 in the world based upon their respective GDPs; and

9 WHEREAS, China's accession to the WTO was complete as of
10 December 11, 2001; and

11 WHEREAS, China's accession to the WTO was unique in that
12 China was one of the 23 original contracting parties to the
13 General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) in 1948, but
14 withdrew after the Chinese Revolution in 1949, which pitted the
15 ideologies of Mao Zedong and Chiang Kai- Shek; and

16 WHEREAS, Under WTO agreements, there are two types of
17 non-discrimination of interest: the Most Favored Nation (MFN)
18 principle, and the National Treatment (NT) principle; under the
19 MFN principle, a WTO member may not discriminate between its
20 trading partners - goods and services and service providers are
21 to be accorded MFN, i.e. equal treatment; at the same time, a
22 WTO member must provide NT - it may not discriminate on its

1 internal market between its own and foreign products, services,
2 and nationals; and

3 WHEREAS, China, like all other WTO members, has agreed to
4 abide by all of the WTO agreements, including those provisions
5 requiring application of MFN and National Treatment; and

6 WHEREAS, In its Protocol of Accession, China agreed to
7 undertake additional actions in order to ensure the smooth
8 phasing in of these non-discrimination principles; and

9 WHEREAS, The WTO system also promotes undistorted trade
10 through the establishment of disciplines on subsidies and
11 dumping, allowing WTO members to respond to unfair trade
12 through the imposition of countervailing or anti-dumping
13 duties; in addition, WTO members are empowered to impose
14 temporary safeguard measures, under strict rules, when faced
15 with a sudden surge in imports causing serious injury to a
16 domestic industry; and

17 WHEREAS, In other areas, China has committed to abide by
18 all WTO disciplines relating to subsidies and countervailing
19 measures, anti-dumping, and safeguards; and

20 WHEREAS, By joining the WTO, China has committed itself to
21 abide by international treaty rules and the rule of law in the

1 conduct of trade; and

2 WHEREAS, Illinois has eight foreign trades zones where
3 foreign and domestic merchandise is considered international
4 trade and not subject to United States customs duties: Chicago,
5 Rockford, Quad Cities, Peoria, Decatur, Granite City,
6 Lawrenceville, and Savanna; and

7 WHEREAS, Illinois maintains 10 foreign trade offices:
8 Mexico City, Mexico; Toronto, Canada; Brussels, Belgium;
9 Pretoria, South Africa; Jerusalem, Israel; Sao Paulo, Brazil;
10 Tokyo, Japan; New Delhi, India; and Hong Kong and Shanghai,
11 China; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1974, Illinois became the first state to open a
13 trade office in China when it opened an office in Hong Kong;
14 Illinois added an office in Shanghai in 2000; both trade
15 offices are dedicated to promoting Illinois-China business
16 relations; and

17 WHEREAS, Illinois ranks fifth among the 50 states for
18 exports to China; Illinois exports to China totaled over \$4.71
19 billion in 2014, a 90.8% increase since 2009; Illinois ranks
20 third among the 50 states in imports from China, totaling \$29.5
21 billion in 2014; and

1 WHEREAS, Mexico is a WTO member subject to MFN and NT
2 principles; Illinois exports to Mexico totaled over \$7.9
3 billion in 2014, a 123.0% increase since 2009; Illinois imports
4 from Mexico totaled \$13.3 billion in 2014, a 116.8% increase
5 since 2009; Illinois ranks fourth among the 50 states in
6 imports from Mexico and is Mexico's second largest export
7 partner; and

8 WHEREAS, Russia is a WTO member subject to MFN and NT
9 principles; Illinois ranks seventh among the 50 states for
10 exports to Russia; Illinois exports to Russia totaled over
11 \$448.1 million in 2014, a 79.5% increase since 2009; Illinois
12 ranks seventh among the 50 states in imports from Russia,
13 totaling \$790.2 million in 2014; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
15 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE
16 CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Trade Policy Task Force is created
17 within the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic
18 Opportunity - Office of Trade and Investment; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Trade Policy Task Force is charged with
20 the following duties: (1) analyze important issues relative to
21 the growth of international trade from and to Illinois; (2)
22 make recommendations to Congress, the United States Trade
23 Representative, and the White House National Trade Council

1 regarding trade policies that best serve Illinois; and (3)
2 promote the exportation of goods and services from Illinois and
3 the importation of goods and services into Illinois; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That the Trade Policy Task Force shall consist of
6 the following members:

7 (1) two appointed by the Speaker of the Illinois House
8 of Representatives - one of which is to be the Chair of the
9 International Trade and Commerce Committee;

10 (2) two appointed by the President of the Illinois
11 Senate;

12 (3) two appointed by the Minority Leader of the
13 Illinois Senate;

14 (4) two appointed by the Minority Leader of the
15 Illinois House of Representatives - one of which is to be
16 the Minority Spokesman of the International Trade and
17 Commerce Committee;

18 (5) a representative of a statewide association
19 representing community businesses, appointed by the
20 Minority Leader of the Illinois House of Representatives;

1 (6) a representative of a statewide association
2 representing manufacturers, appointed by the Minority
3 Leader of the Illinois Senate;

4 (7) four representatives of a statewide association
5 representing unions, two appointed by the Speaker of the
6 Illinois House of Representatives and two appointed by the
7 President of the Illinois Senate;

8 (8) a representative of a statewide association
9 representing agriculture, appointed by the Speaker of the
10 Illinois House of Representatives;

11 (9) a representative of a statewide association
12 representing the chemical industry, appointed by the
13 Minority Leader of the Illinois Senate;

14 (10) a representative of a statewide association
15 representing the coal industry, appointed by the Minority
16 Leader of the Illinois House of Representatives;

17 (11) a representative of a statewide association
18 representing international trade, appointed by the
19 President of the Illinois Senate;

- 1 (12) three appointed by the Governor of Illinois;
- 2 (13) one appointed by the Mayor of Chicago;
- 3 (14) one appointed by the Mayor of Rockford;
- 4 (15) one appointed by the Mayor of Peoria;
- 5 (16) one appointed by the Mayor of Granite City;
- 6 (17) one appointed by the Mayor of Lawrenceville; and
- 7 (18) one appointed by the Mayor of Savanna; and be it
- 8 further

9 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Commerce and

10 Economic Opportunity - Office of Trade and Investment shall

11 provide administrative support for the Trade Policy Task Force

12 and shall reimburse for their reasonable and prudent expenses;

13 and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Trade Policy Task Force shall provide a

15 final report by December 31, 2018."