

1-1 By: Nelson, Huffman S.R. No. 760
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1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
1-4 May 19, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8,
1-5 Nays 0; May 19, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 SENATE RESOLUTION

1-18 WHEREAS, Texas is the nation's leading trade state, and its
1-19 future prosperity depends on bolstering trade among our North
1-20 American partners; and

1-21 WHEREAS, The United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA),
1-22 which awaits ratification by the United States Congress, will
1-23 create a more level playing field for American workers, ensure
1-24 opportunities for trade in United States services, and benefit
1-25 farmers, ranchers, and agribusiness; moreover, it modernizes
1-26 protections for intellectual property, promotes collaboration in
1-27 tackling cybersecurity, and ensures that digital trade data can be
1-28 transferred cross-border with protections for the global digital
1-29 ecosystem; and

1-30 WHEREAS, Texas exports totaled \$315 billion in 2018; the
1-31 state accounts for almost 20 percent of the nation's trade total,
1-32 and 45 percent of Lone Star exports are destined for Mexico and
1-33 Canada; more than 90 percent of Texas exporters are small
1-34 businesses, and the USMCA cuts red tape, making it easier for them
1-35 to tap into foreign markets; approximately 44 percent of our
1-36 state's agricultural products are exported, and the agreement
1-37 provides enhanced market access for eggs, poultry, dairy, and
1-38 certain food crops; and

1-39 WHEREAS, In 2017, Texas energy exports to Canada and Mexico
1-40 totaled almost \$17 billion; the USMCA will promote the stability of
1-41 this industry by preserving and expanding market integration for
1-42 greater certainty, efficiency, and interregional investment; and

1-43 WHEREAS, Texas has more United States ports of entry than any
1-44 other state, and Laredo and El Paso are the two busiest trade
1-45 stations doing business with Mexico; while offering new commitments
1-46 for market access, the USMCA also addresses nontariff barriers
1-47 related to trade in remanufactured goods and import and export
1-48 licensing; and

1-49 WHEREAS, Nearly one million jobs in Texas are supported by
1-50 trade with Mexico and Canada; experts calculate that failure to
1-51 ratify the USMCA could result in the loss of as many as 300,000 of
1-52 those jobs; as North America has become more economically
1-53 integrated, a collaborative approach to trade is absolutely
1-54 necessary to protect American jobs and workers while fostering
1-55 innovation; and

1-56 WHEREAS, The trade landscape has shifted dramatically over
1-57 the past two decades, and the USMCA is designed to adapt to the new
1-58 terrain by strengthening our nation's export capabilities and
1-59 setting the standard for global trade agreements that will spur
1-60 continued economic dynamism for years to come; now, therefore, be
1-61 it

2-1 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 86th Texas Legislature
2-2 hereby respectfully urge the United States Congress to unite in
2-3 bipartisan support for the ratification of the United
2-4 States-Mexico-Canada Agreement; and, be it further
2-5 RESOLVED, That the secretary of the Texas Senate forward
2-6 official copies of this resolution to the president of the United
2-7 States, to the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House
2-8 of Representatives of the United States Congress, and to all the
2-9 members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that
2-10 this resolution be entered in the Congressional Record as a
2-11 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.
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