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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) one appointed by the Illinois Chamber of Commerce

15 (5) one appointed by the Dean of the Consular Corps of  
16 Chicago;

17 (6) one appointed by the Mayor of Chicago;

18 (7) three appointed by the Governor of Illinois;

1           (8) one appointed by the Illinois Manufacturers  
2 Association;

3           (9) four appointed by the AFL-CIO;

4           (10) two appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
5 Illinois House of Representatives - one of which is to be  
6 the Minority Spokesman of the International Trade and  
7 Commerce Committee;

8           (11) one appointed by the Illinois Farm Bureau;

9           (12) one appointed by the Illinois Chemical  
10 Association;

11           (13) one appointed by the Illinois Coal Association;

12           (14) one appointed by the President of Chicago  
13 International Trade Commissioners Association;

14           (15) one appointed by the Mayor of Rockford;

15           (16) one appointed by the Mayor of Peoria;

16           (17) one appointed by the Mayor of Granite City;



1           (18) one appointed by the Mayor of Lawrenceville; and

2           (19) one appointed by the Mayor of Savanna; and be it  
3 further

4           RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Commerce and  
5 Economic Opportunity - Office of Trade and Investment shall  
6 provide administrative support for the Trade Policy Task Force  
7 and shall reimburse for their reasonable and prudent expenses;  
8 and be it further

9           RESOLVED, That the Trade Policy Task Force shall provide a  
10 final report by December 31, 2018."