

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 39

Whereas, the United States of America has a longstanding history of promoting free trade throughout the continent and throughout the world; and

Whereas, the people and industries of Missouri have a strong belief and interest in sustaining and advancing free market principles; and

Whereas, international trade has played a significant role in the Missouri economy, particularly with Canada and Mexico, which together accounted for over \$7 billion in exported goods during 2016; and

Whereas, in 2016, exports to free trade agreement markets accounted for 64% of all Missouri exports, totaling \$8.9 billion; and

Whereas, since 2006, exports from Missouri have grown in several new free trade agreement markets, specifically growing by \$1.7 billion in North American Free Trade Agreement markets; and

Whereas, soybeans have consistently been the largest export from Missouri and Mexico has historically been the second largest market for that commodity; and

Whereas, the North American Free Trade Agreement has greatly benefitted Missouri and the United States as a whole through strong job growth, higher wages, low consumer prices, and has particularly enabled a booming agricultural and energy export economy; and

Whereas, there are more than 250,000 Missouri jobs that critically depend upon free trade agreements with both Canada and Mexico:

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-ninth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby urge the President of the United States and the Congress of the United States to continue, strengthen, and preserve the North American Free Trade Agreement; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the President of the United States, President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and the members of the Missouri Congressional delegation.