

## House Resolution 1280

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Encouraging the Executive Branch and the United States Congress to support the successful  
2 negotiation of a mutually beneficial Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership between  
3 the United States and European Union; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the transatlantic economy is the largest in the world, encompassing nearly 50  
5 percent of global GDP, and the United States and European Union High Level Working  
6 Group (HLWG) has called for an agreement to remove constraints to economic growth  
7 between these two entities, resulting in discussion of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment  
8 Partnership (TTIP); and

9 WHEREAS, growth of emerging marketplaces across the globe continues to lessen the share  
10 of global GDP attributable to the transatlantic economy; and

11 WHEREAS, expansion of global trade, especially with member nations of the European  
12 Union, is of vital importance to the growth of the economy of the United States, small  
13 business participation in the international marketplace, and job creation; and

14 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia would benefit greatly from the ratification of a  
15 comprehensive Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, with estimates of nearly  
16 25,000 new jobs generated for Georgians as a direct result of loosening current burdens on  
17 trade and free markets; and

18 WHEREAS, the European Union purchased Georgia goods worth an estimated \$6.3 billion,  
19 which accounted for 18 percent of Georgia's total exported goods in 2012, and services worth  
20 \$5.8 billion, which accounted for 32 percent of Georgia's exported services in that same year;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, the successful implementation of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment  
23 Partnership is estimated to increase exports to the European Union from the State of Georgia

24 by 31.5 percent, with the majority of growth to be seen in motor vehicles, wood and paper  
25 products, chemical products, and other transportation equipment; and

26 WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States of America grants the Congress of the  
27 United States sole authority in regulating commerce with foreign nations; and

28 WHEREAS, the negotiation of a successful Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership  
29 will necessarily be a bipartisan cooperation between state, federal, and foreign governments.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
31 the members of this body encourage the Executive Branch and the United States Congress  
32 to promote and ratify the passage of a comprehensive and effective Transatlantic Trade and  
33 Investment Partnership.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia congressional  
36 delegation.