

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1012

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging Congress, the President of the United States, and the President's trade representatives to welcome free and fair trade and support strong trade commerce within the agricultural industry.

WHEREAS, agriculture is the number one industry in South Dakota and has roughly a \$26 billion economic impact yearly; and

WHEREAS, production agriculture and its valued added industry employs over 122,000 South Dakotans; and

WHEREAS, trade is an important factor in our agriculture economy, and in 2015 South Dakota had almost four billion dollars worth of agricultural exports; and

WHEREAS, in trade with Mexico, South Dakota imports \$70 million worth of goods a year, exports \$394 million worth of goods a year, and exports 44 percent of the state's pork; and

WHEREAS, fifteen thousand jobs in South Dakota rely on the trade with Mexico; and

WHEREAS, South Dakota ranked eleventh in 2015 for agricultural trade; and

WHEREAS, a good trade relationship with our friends to the south and our Pacific allies is vital to South Dakota economy and continued economic growth; and

WHEREAS, we take great pride in what we produce and American agricultural products, especially South Dakota produced products, represent the highest quality; and

WHEREAS, consumers want quality American products and we should take pride in what we produce and should label it as such:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Second Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the South Dakota State Legislature urges Congress and the President of the United States and the President's trade representatives to welcome free and fair trade and support strong trade commerce.

Adopted by the House of Representatives,  
Concurred in by the Senate,

February 28, 2017  
March 6, 2017

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Speaker of the House

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