

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1
2 WHEREAS, Mexico is the United States' second-largest trading
3 partner, and approximately 80 percent of all United States trade
4 with Mexico, equivalent to \$230 billion in goods, travels over
5 Texas highways; trade between the two countries has grown from
6 \$81.5 billion in 1993 to \$232 billion in 2002; and

7 WHEREAS, Mexico is Texas' number one trading partner and this
8 relationship is an important factor in Texas' economic growth and
9 prosperity; during the 1990s, the Texas economy generally
10 outperformed the nation's economy, due in large part to the
11 strength of the state's exports to Mexico; roughly one out of every
12 10 manufacturing jobs in Texas is tied to exports to Mexico and 44
13 percent of Texas' total exports are made to Mexico; and

14 WHEREAS, About 80 percent of all truck traffic between Mexico
15 and the United States enters through a Texas border point of entry;
16 between 1995 and 1999 trade through Texas ports by truck increased
17 by 85 percent, exceeding \$106 billion a year; in 1999 about 4.4
18 million truck crossings were made through nine Texas ports, and
19 Laredo, the busiest port on the border, had 2.8 million commercial
20 vehicle crossings; and

21 WHEREAS, Two-way commerce between Texas and Mexico has more
22 than doubled since 1993, from \$100 billion to \$235 billion; over the
23 last seven years, Texas has exported more than \$272 billion to
24 Mexico, and in 2002 those exports accounted for six percent of the

1 gross state product; in that same year exports to Mexico added \$73.2
2 billion in output, \$19.8 billion in earnings, and 745,000 jobs to
3 the Texas economy; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
5 hereby urge the State of Texas to continue to pursue opportunities
6 to increase trade with Mexico by creating policies and programs
7 aimed at increasing trade, including improving communications and
8 cooperation, and by encouraging meetings and interactions among
9 federal, state, and local governments; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the legislature hereby encourage the State of
11 Texas to strengthen ties with neighboring Mexican states and urge
12 the Texas and Mexican authorities to develop a working plan to study
13 the flow of commerce and propose initiatives to mitigate delays at
14 border crossings between Mexico and Texas.

David Newburn
President of the Senate

Jim Coakley
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 30 was adopted by the Senate on May 10, 2005.

Patsy Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 30 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2005.

Robert Haney
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date
Rick Perry
Governor

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