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HOUSE RESOLUTION 1614

Sponsors: Representative Glazier.

Referred to: Federal Relations and Trade Issues.

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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENDORSE
2 THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL POLICY
3 ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON THE US-CENTRAL AMERICA
4 FREE TRADE AGREEMENT.

5 Whereas, the Intergovernmental Policy Advisory Committee (IGPAC)
6 recommended in its report on the US-Central America Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA)
7 in March 2004 that the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee (TPCC), the Trade
8 Policy Review Group (TPRG) and the Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) be
9 expanded or reconfigured to include state and local government representation; and

10 Whereas, issues for the attention and action on the part of a newly expanded
11 trade promotion and trade policy consultative process should include:

- 12 (1) Establishing and fully funding a formal, regularly scheduled
13 mechanism for US federal-state trade policy consultations in light of
14 the increasing state role in trade policy formulation, negotiation, and
15 dispute resolution.
- 16 (2) Increasing awareness by state officials of the recent and ongoing
17 efforts on the part of the United States Trade Representative (USTR)
18 and other TPCC federal agencies to proactively discuss trade issues
19 with national associations of state officials exercising regulatory
20 functions.
- 21 (3) Establishing a clear priority for federal support of high technology
22 manufactured goods and services exports.
- 23 (4) Assessing the comparative costs and benefits to the federal budget and
24 US economy, particularly in terms of employment creation/retention
25 and trade value, of the allocation of resources and trade protections to
26 agricultural commodities, technology research and development,
27 industrial goods, manufactured products, and services sectors.
- 28 (5) Collecting and disseminating better national, state, regional, and
29 zip-code level data on merchandise and services exports and imports,

1 and on international investment flows, deploying mapping
2 technologies and other tools to better inform analysis and planning.

3 (6) Encouraging TPCC federal agencies to: (i) deepen the state/federal
4 trade development partnership; (ii) prioritize support by overseas posts
5 for state-led trade initiatives in global markets; (iii) increase
6 cooperation in domestic trade development program delivery; and (iv)
7 integrate further Eximbank trade finance and delegated authority
8 activities with those of states and the private sector, improving small
9 firms' awareness of and access to trade financing.

10 (7) Substantially transforming, expanding, and fully funding the Trade
11 Adjustment Assistance program.

12 (8) Emulating our nation's effective responses to natural disasters, in order
13 to mobilize resources for economic disasters, TPCC and related
14 entities should collaborate on the creation of an Economic Federal
15 Emergency Management Agency.

16 Whereas, IGPAC also suggests that the USTR: (i) intensify the focus of its
17 consultative process on reaching out to State Points of Contact, advisory committees,
18 and other interested parties for their input as trade policy is being formulated and as
19 trade agreement negotiations are being initiated: and (ii) utilize the existing corporate,
20 government, and academic relationships of the US states abroad as a bridge to foster
21 cooperation and understanding in preparation for future trade policy, trade capacity
22 building, program development, and trade agreement initiatives and meetings; Now,
23 therefore,

24 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

25 **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives urges the General Assembly to
26 endorse the recommendations of the Intergovernmental Policy Advisory Committee's
27 report on the US-Central America Free Trade Agreement from March 19, 2004.

28 **SECTION 2.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.