

## 1 House Memorial

2 A memorial to the Congress of the United States and  
3 the President of the United States commending Congress  
4 for granting trade promotion authority to the  
5 executive branch, urging the executive branch to  
6 negotiate a comprehensive and mutually beneficial free  
7 trade agreement between the United States and the  
8 United Kingdom, and urging Congress to ratify such  
9 agreement.

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11 WHEREAS, the United States is the United Kingdom's largest  
12 single-country trade partner with a relationship valued at over  
13 \$200 billion; both countries are each other's largest foreign  
14 direct investors, having approximately \$1 trillion invested in  
15 each other's economies; and the United States-United Kingdom  
16 Trade and Investment Working Group has been laying the  
17 groundwork to strengthen trade and investment ties for the  
18 present and in the future, including through the use of a free  
19 trade agreement, and

20 WHEREAS, expansion of global trade, especially with the  
21 United Kingdom, is of vital importance to the growth of the  
22 United States' economy, small business participation in the  
23 international marketplace, and job creation, and

24 WHEREAS, this state would benefit greatly from the  
25 ratification of a comprehensive free trade agreement, which,

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26 | since the United Kingdom is currently the largest foreign direct  
27 | employer in this state and is the second largest market for  
28 | tourism, would create employment opportunities for residents of  
29 | this state as a direct result of removing and reducing barriers  
30 | to trade and free markets, and

31 |       WHEREAS, the successful implementation of a free trade  
32 | agreement will increase exports to the United Kingdom from this  
33 | state, and

34 |       WHEREAS, the United States Constitution grants the United  
35 | States Congress exclusive authority to regulate commerce with  
36 | foreign nations, and

37 |       WHEREAS, the negotiation of a successful free trade  
38 | agreement between the United States and the United Kingdom will  
39 | require bipartisan cooperation between state, federal, and  
40 | foreign governments, NOW, THEREFORE,

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42 | Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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44 |       That Congress of the United States is commended for  
45 | granting trade promotion authority to the executive branch, the  
46 | executive branch is urged to complete a timely and successful  
47 | negotiation of a comprehensive and mutually beneficial free  
48 | trade agreement between the United States and the United  
49 | Kingdom, and the Congress of the United States is urged to  
50 | ratify such agreement.

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51           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State dispatch  
52 copies of this memorial to the President of the United States,  
53 to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of  
54 the United States House of Representatives, and to each member  
55 of the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.