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Senate Memorial

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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 more  
13 than \$200 billion; both countries are each other's largest  
14 foreign direct investors, having approximately \$1 trillion  
15 invested in each other's economies; and the UK-US Trade and  
16 Investment Working Group has been laying the groundwork to  
17 strengthen trade and investment ties for the present and in the  
18 future, including through the use of a free trade agreement, and

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

23 WHEREAS, this state would benefit greatly from the  
24 ratification of a comprehensive free trade agreement, which,  
25 since the United Kingdom is currently the largest foreign direct  
26 employer in this state and is the second largest market for  
27 tourism, would create employment opportunities for residents of  
28 this state as a direct result of reducing and removing barriers  
29 to trade and free markets, and

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

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

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

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41 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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

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