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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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URGING THE UNITED STATES TO SUPPORT THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S  
PARTICIPATION IN THE TRANS-PACIFIC FOREIGN TRADE  
PARTNERSHIP.

1 WHEREAS, the Trans-Pacific Partnership is led by the United  
2 States and writes the rules for global trade that will help  
3 increase American made exports, grow the American economy,  
4 support American jobs, and strengthen the American middle class;  
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7 WHEREAS, the Trans-Pacific Partnership is increasing in  
8 importance, and Asia-Pacific countries must integrate into  
9 regional economic organizations for the benefits of  
10 international communities; and  
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12 WHEREAS, The Republic of China, or Taiwan, is a full member  
13 of the World Trade Organization and Asia-Pacific Economic  
14 Cooperation, and has interacted with the member economies  
15 equally and positively over the years, becoming an important  
16 economy within the Asia-Pacific region, playing a vital role in  
17 the region's supply chain, and vigorously promoting trade  
18 liberalization in response to regional integration and global  
19 economic challenges; and  
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21 WHEREAS, to meet the Trans-Pacific Partnership's high trade  
22 standards, Taiwan is forging a nationwide consensus on the pact  
23 and addressing discrepancies between domestic trade regulations  
24 and international norms, signing landmark economic cooperation  
25 pacts in 2013 with New Zealand and Singapore, both agreements a  
26 glowing testament to Taiwan's readiness and ability to take part  
27 in the Trans-Pacific Partnership; and  
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29 WHEREAS, Trans-Pacific Partnership countries are important  
30 destinations for Taiwan's foreign direct investment while  
31 Taiwan's import market, worth nearly three hundred billion



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dollars a year, is a lucrative target for Trans-Pacific Partnership exporters; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States have long enjoyed a cordial friendship based on shared common interests in promoting peace, stability, and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region and Taiwan's participation in the Trans-Pacific Partnership would not only share the fruits of free trade among members but would also further enhance and strengthen the bonds of trade between the people of Taiwan and the United States; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016, that the Hawaii State Legislature urges the United States of America to support the Republic of China's participation in the Trans-Pacific Foreign Trade Partnership and encourages Hawaii's Congressional delegation and other leaders to support negotiations to finalize the Partnership; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, United States Secretary of State, United States Secretary of Commerce, members of Hawaii's Congressional delegation, and the Governor.

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