

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 1012

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 A Concurrent Resolution memorializing Congress to
9 oppose the Trans-Pacific Partnership; making findings
10 regarding potential adverse consequences of the
11 Trans-Pacific Partnership; requesting Congress to
12 deny Trade Promotion Authority; and directing
13 distribution.

14 WHEREAS, the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) would create
15 international laws and regulations which have the potential to
16 supersede United States laws and regulations concerning matters such
17 as homeland security, intellectual property and copyrights, labor
18 and wages, food safety, the Internet, military, environment and
19 national security; and

20 WHEREAS, the TPP would create international tribunals whose
21 rulings could conflict with judgments rendered by the highest courts
22 of the state and federal governments contrary to the interests of
23 consumers, employers, employees and all residents in Oklahoma and
24 throughout the United States; and

1 WHEREAS, the TPP could have an adverse impact on the Oklahoma
2 and United States economy; and

3 WHEREAS, the TPP's over 1,000 pages of international laws and
4 regulations have the potential to cause complications for trade and
5 commerce by businesses and consumers in Oklahoma and throughout the
6 United States and could interfere with concepts of free trade rather
7 than promoting it; and

8 WHEREAS, although the United States Constitution (Article 1,
9 Section 8) grants exclusive power to Congress "to regulate commerce
10 with foreign nations," the President has secretly negotiated the TPP
11 for several years without congressional involvement or oversight;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, although the TPP is over 1,000 pages, and has been
14 unavailable for review, the President has requested Trade Promotion
15 Authority (TPA) to "fast track" the TPP by limiting Congressional
16 debate and prohibiting congressional amendments, contrary to the
17 responsibility of Congress "to regulate commerce with foreign
18 nations."

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
20 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
21 CONCURRING THEREIN:

22 THAT Congress should not grant Trade Promotion Authority to the
23 President.

24 THAT Congress should not approve the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

1 THAT Congress should direct the President to withdraw from and
2 cease Trans-Pacific Partnership membership and negotiations or
3 request that the President and the Executive Office of the
4 President, including the United States Trade Representative, to
5 conduct the negotiations in keeping with the requirements of the
6 United States Constitution and with the primary goal of protecting
7 the citizens of the United States as well as protecting the business
8 interests of United States business enterprises.

9 THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Office of
10 the President of the United States, the Office of the United States
11 Trade Representative, the United States Secretary of State and to
12 each member of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

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