

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

4   HOUSE CONCURRENT  
5   RESOLUTION 1012

                                  By: Scott

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8                                   AS INTRODUCED

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

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

21                   WHEREAS, the TPP would create international tribunals whose  
22                   rulings could conflict with judgments rendered by the highest courts  
23                   of the state and federal governments contrary to the interests of  
24                   consumers, employers, employees and all residents in Oklahoma and  
                                  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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14 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.

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