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Recognizing the importance of trade to the United States economy and the importance of completing free trade agreements with Pacific Rim countries and the European Union.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the importance of trade to the United States economy and the importance of completing free trade agreements with Pacific Rim countries and the European Union.

Whereas international trade is an efficient means to create private sector jobs;

Whereas 38 million American jobs are supported by international trade;

Whereas the United States economy exports \$2.2 trillion in goods and services each year;

Whereas the United States is currently negotiating the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP), a free trade agreement with 11 Pacific Rim countries, including Australia, Brunei

Darussalam, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, and Vietnam;

Whereas the United States is currently negotiating the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), a free trade agreement with 28 countries of the European Union;

Whereas these trade agreements will have profoundly positive diplomatic impacts that will serve to solidify United States relations with rising regional economic powers; and

Whereas the United States should continue to expand its trading relationships to create jobs: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that completing free trade agreements with
3 Pacific Rim countries and the European Union will pro-
4 mote economic development, create jobs, and solidify rela-
5 tions with trading partners.

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