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# H. RES. 937

Recognizing that Colombia is a vital democratic ally of the United States in the fight against extremism and drug trafficking in the Western Hemisphere and further recognizing the extensive and immediate benefits that passage of the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement would bring to the United States.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 19, 2009

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN (for herself, Mr. DREIER, Mr. BRADY of Texas, and Mr. HASTINGS of Washington) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## RESOLUTION

Recognizing that Colombia is a vital democratic ally of the United States in the fight against extremism and drug trafficking in the Western Hemisphere and further recognizing the extensive and immediate benefits that passage of the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement would bring to the United States.

Whereas the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement (“the Agreement”) was signed on November 22, 2006;

Whereas Colombia is one of the United States strongest democratic allies in the fight against extremism and drug trafficking, not only in the Western Hemisphere, but around the world;

Whereas over 10,000 United States companies export their products to Colombia, with over 85 percent of these being small- and medium-sized companies;

Whereas the Institute for International Economics estimates that implementation of the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement would cause the value of United States exports to Colombia to increase by 44 percent;

Whereas over 90 percent of United States imports from Colombia currently enter the United States duty-free under our most-favored nation tariff rates and various preference programs;

Whereas implementation of the Agreement would give United States businesses, farmers, ranchers, and workers similar access to Colombia by immediately removing tariffs for over 80 percent of United States exports of consumer and industrial goods;

Whereas the delay in implementation of the Agreement has cost United States exporters over an estimated \$2 billion in unnecessary tariffs; and

Whereas Canada and the European Union are moving to implement trade agreements with Colombia: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

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3       cratic ally of the United States in the fight against

1       extremism and drug trafficking in the Western  
2       Hemisphere; and

3               (2) further recognizes the extensive and imme-  
4       diate benefits that passage of the United States-Co-  
5       lombia Trade Promotion Agreement would bring to  
6       the United States.

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