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S. RES. 134

Expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should work with the Government of the United Kingdom to conclude negotiations for a comprehensive trade agreement between the United States and the United Kingdom that the President should work with the President of the European Commission to conclude negotiations for a comprehensive trade agreement between the United States and the European Union.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 24, 2021

Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. MORAN, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. CRUZ, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. RUBIO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Finance

MAY 25, 2022

Committee discharged; considered, amended, and agreed to with an amended preamble and an amendment to the title

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should work with the Government of the United Kingdom to conclude negotiations for a comprehensive trade agreement between the United States and the United Kingdom that the President should work with the President of the European Commission to conclude negotiations for a comprehensive trade agreement between the United States and the European Union.

Whereas, on March 5, 1946, Sir Winston Churchill delivered the Iron Curtain speech in Fulton, Missouri, solidifying the “Special Relationship” between the United States and the United Kingdom;

Whereas, since the end of World War II, the United States and the United Kingdom have been beacons of freedom to the world, standing together in the fight against tyranny;

Whereas the Special Relationship between the United States and the United Kingdom has driven economic prosperity and security cooperation in both nations for more than 70 years;

Whereas, according to “Sterling Assets,” a report from the Confederation of British Industry, the United States and the United Kingdom share the world’s largest bilateral trade and investment relationship;

Whereas, while the United States and the United Kingdom already share a robust economic partnership and strong labor ties, there remain clear opportunities for both countries to further strengthen those ties;

Whereas the United States Trade Representative and United Kingdom Department for International Trade have engaged in substantive negotiations towards the conclusion of a comprehensive trade agreement since May 2020;

Whereas the United States seeks to support higher-paying jobs in the United States and to grow the United States economy by improving United States opportunities for trade and investment with the European Union;

Whereas the economic relationship of the United States and the European Union is the largest and most complex in

the world, with over \$1,100,000,000,000 in annual two-way trade;

Whereas the United States Trade Representative and the European Union have engaged in substantive negotiations toward the conclusion of a trade agreement;

Whereas the United States has historically acted as a guarantor of the 1998 Good Friday Agreement, an agreement between the British and Irish governments, designed to protect peace in Northern Ireland by avoiding a hard border on the island of Ireland;

Whereas Prime Minister Boris Johnson of the United Kingdom, President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen, and President of the European Council Charles Michel signed the Brexit Withdrawal Agreement on January 24, 2020;

Whereas as part of the Brexit Withdrawal Agreement, in order to protect the Good Friday Agreement in the aftermath of the United Kingdom's departure from the European Union, the two parties agreed to the Northern Ireland Protocol; and

Whereas the constitutional power of making trade agreements with foreign nations rests with Congress: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

2 (1) the United States should strengthen its

3 close and mutually beneficial trading and economic

4 partnership with the United Kingdom that takes

5 into account, as relevant, conditions requiring that

1 obligations under the Good Friday Agreement be
2 met;

3 (2) the United States should strengthen its
4 close and mutually beneficial trading and economic
5 partnership with the European Union by working to
6 conclude negotiations for a comprehensive trade
7 agreement;

8 (3) the President, in consultation with Con-
9 gress, should work to conclude negotiations for such
10 comprehensive trade agreements contingent upon an
11 agreement between the European Union and the
12 United Kingdom that fully protects and preserves
13 the Good Friday Agreement consistent with the sen-
14 timents expressed by the Senate in S. Res.117
15 (117th Congress); and

16 (4) the President, in consultation with Con-
17 gress, should strive to reach mutually advantageous
18 resolutions of commercial disagreements between the
19 United States and the United Kingdom, including
20 ending the Digital Services Tax on United States
21 businesses and ensuring a satisfactory final resolu-
22 tion to the World Trade Organization large civil air-
23 craft dispute.

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