

SECOND REGULAR SESSION
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 3279
101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

1 **WHEREAS**, Missouri and the United Kingdom have long been trade partners and
2 trade nearly two billion dollars in goods and services annually; and
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4 **WHEREAS**, over fifty United Kingdom companies are currently invested in
5 Missouri, and over twenty-five Missouri companies are currently invested in the United
6 Kingdom; and
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8 **WHEREAS**, Missouri and the United Kingdom have many historical connections,
9 including:
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11 (1) One million Missourians who can trace their ancestry to the British Isles;
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13 (2) America's National Churchill Museum in Fulton, Missouri, which is located at the
14 site of Sir Winston Churchill's famous 1946 Iron Curtain speech and is housed beneath a
15 chapel built by Sir Christopher Wren that was relocated from London; and
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17 (3) The first state-level Friends of the United Kingdom caucus in the United States;
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20 **WHEREAS**, a free trade agreement would create employment opportunities for
21 Missouri residents as a direct result of removing and reducing barriers to trade and to free
22 markets and would increase Missouri exports to the United Kingdom; and
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24 **WHEREAS**, Missouri would benefit greatly from the ratification of a comprehensive
25 free trade agreement, especially in the shared industries of manufacturing, agriculture, health
26 innovation, and next-generation energy sources; and
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28 **WHEREAS**, trade and investment between Missouri and the United Kingdom would
29 be mutually beneficial, especially in the areas of AgTech and agriculture, license reciprocity,
30 apprenticeships, energy innovation, medical research, and geospatial analysis; and

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32 **WHEREAS**, the United States Constitution grants the United States Congress
33 exclusive authority to regulate commerce with foreign nations; and

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35 **WHEREAS**, the negotiation of a successful free trade agreement between the United
36 States and the United Kingdom will require bipartisan cooperation between state, federal, and
37 foreign governments; and

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39 **WHEREAS**, increasing global trade, especially with the United Kingdom, is of vital
40 importance to the growth of the United States' economy, to small business participation in the
41 international marketplace, and to job creation:

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43 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the members of the Missouri
44 House of Representatives, One Hundred First General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
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47 (1) The United States Congress to grant trade promotion authority to the executive
48 branch;

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50 (2) The executive branch of the United States to complete a timely and successful
51 negotiation of a comprehensive and mutually beneficial free trade agreement between the
52 United States and the United Kingdom; and

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54 (3) The United States Congress to ratify such agreement; and

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56 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
57 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for
58 President Joe Biden, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi,
59 Governor Michael Parson, and each member of Missouri's congressional delegation.

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