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### **STATE OF COLORADO**

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#### **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 00-1043**

101     CONCERNING PERMANENT NORMAL TRADE RELATIONS FOR CHINA, AND,  
102       IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, URGING CONGRESS TO RATIFY THE  
103       ADMISSION OF CHINA INTO THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION.

1       WHEREAS, Colorado is an important producer of agricultural  
2       products and exports worldwide; and

3       WHEREAS, Many recognize China as the most important growth  
4       market for United States agriculture, and it is projected to account for  
5       37% of future growth for American agricultural exports; and

6       WHEREAS, The current American agricultural industry has  
7       suffered many recent economic setbacks; and

8       WHEREAS, Increased exports are essential for enhancing the  
9       economic prosperity of farming and ranching; and

10      WHEREAS, The United States has negotiated a trade agreement  
11       with China that represents a market opening for United States' agricultural  
12       exports and will positively affect American farm income; and

13      WHEREAS, This trade agreement may only be fully implemented  
14       if China receives accession into the World Trade Organization and  
15       permanent normal trade relations from the United States; and

16      WHEREAS, Competitors may benefit from trade relations with  
17       China if Congress fails to grant China permanent normal trade relations,  
18       resulting in United States farmers and ranchers losing valuable business  
19       opportunities; and

20      WHEREAS, China's entry into the World Trade Organization is  
21       expected to eliminate barriers to exportation of American agricultural  
22       products to the world's most populous country; and

23      WHEREAS, China projects that its participation in the World

1      Trade Organization will reduce agriculture tariffs by more than half on  
2 priority products; and

3      WHEREAS, With China as a participant in the World Trade  
4 Organization, its policies of discriminatory licensing and importation  
5 bans on soft bulk commodities should be obviated, thus creating market  
6 access opportunities with a tariff-rate quota system endorsed by the  
7 World Trade Organization; and

8      WHEREAS, If allowed into the World Trade Organization, it is  
9 anticipated that China will eliminate export subsidies by capping and then  
10 reducing domestic support for exportation of its products and eliminate  
11 restrictions on United States agricultural products based on suspect  
12 scientific conclusions; and

13     WHEREAS, The World Trade Organization agreement contains  
14 strong policies that discourage unfair trade and import surges; and

15     WHEREAS, American farmers and ranchers will benefit from  
16 expanded exportation of American products to China; and

17     WHEREAS, If China is allowed into the World Trade  
18 Organization, experts estimate that United States' exports to China should  
19 increase from about \$2 billion to \$3 billion annually; and

20     WHEREAS, If permanent normal trade relations are implemented,  
21 the United States Department of Agriculture projects that American  
22 exports to China will grow \$7.5 billion in the first six years and that  
23 one-third of United States' export growth will be in agricultural products  
24 destined for China; and

25     WHEREAS, Such agricultural export growth, including  
26 exportation of beef, wheat, corn, and vegetables, from China's accession  
27 to the World Trade Organization will benefit Colorado's farmers and  
28 ranchers; and

29     WHEREAS, China's admission into the World Trade Organization  
30 and implementation of permanent normal trade relations with the United  
31 States does not require the United States to open its market any further to  
32 China's imports; and

33     WHEREAS, The agreement to admit China into the World Trade  
34 Organization and the implementation of permanent normal trade relations  
35 between China and the United States requires the United States to simply  
36 agree that China may join the World Trade Organization and Congress  
37 shall grant permanent normal trade relations with China; and

38     WHEREAS, Farmers and ranchers across the country will benefit  
39 from expanded opportunities to sell commodities to China; now,  
40 therefore,

41                  *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-second*

1       *General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring*  
2       *herein:*

3           That the Colorado General Assembly urges the 106<sup>th</sup> United States  
4       Congress, without delay, to support permanent normal trade relations for  
5       China.

6           *Be it further resolved*, That copies of this joint resolution be  
7       forwarded to the Chinese Ambassador to the United States, the entire  
8       Congressional delegation from Colorado, the Director General of the  
9       World Trade Organization, the Speaker of the United States House of  
10      Representatives, and the President of the United States Senate.