

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs to
3 which was referred Senate Resolution S.R. 11 entitled “Senate resolution
4 supporting warm and cooperative relations on the part of both the United
5 States and the State of Vermont with Canada and urging President Trump to
6 remove all tariffs that he has imposed against Canadian imports and to refrain
7 from subsequently imposing any new tariffs against Canadian imports”
8 respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the
9 resolution be amended by striking out all after the title and inserting in lieu
10 thereof the following:

11 *Whereas*, the United States and Canada have been military and diplomatic
12 allies and economic partners, even through episodes of commercial
13 disagreement, since Canadian confederation in 1867, and

14 *Whereas*, perhaps no American state has a closer and more active two-way
15 relationship with our northern neighbor than the State of Vermont, and

16 *Whereas*, these ties entail cultural, economic, familial, and personal
17 relationships, and

18 *Whereas*, many Vermonters have enjoyed seamless travel to Canada as
19 much as Canadians have enjoyed adventures in Vermont, and

1 *Whereas*, in recent years, Vermont State officials repeatedly traveled to
2 Montreal on trade missions and have strived to enhance Vermont-Quebec trade
3 ties, and

4 *Whereas*, the importance of this relationship is epitomized in the Agency of
5 Commerce and Community Development’s maintenance of a trade office in
6 Canada to work continuously with federal, provincial, and local officials and
7 the private sector to maximize opportunities for a vibrant two-way trading
8 relationship between Vermont and our northern neighbor, and

9 *Whereas*, on the economic front, for 2023, the Canadian Consulate in
10 Boston reported that Vermont exported \$680 million in goods and \$165
11 million in services to Canada, and, that same year, Vermont imported \$2.6
12 billion in goods from Canada, and Canadian investments in the State supported
13 over 17,000 Vermont jobs, and

14 *Whereas*, according to the Department of Public Service, Vermont sources a
15 significant amount of its commercial and residential energy from Canada, and

16 *Whereas*, the current USMCA is broadly drafted, covering many aspects of
17 the North American continental economic relationship, and it seeks to
18 maximize a duty-free trading relationship between the United States and
19 Canada, *now therefore be it*

1 ***Resolved by the Senate:***

2 That the Senate of the State of Vermont honors the historic, integrated, and
3 productive relations on the part of both the United States and the State of
4 Vermont with Canada and the Province of Quebec, *and be it further*

5 ***Resolved:*** That the Senate of the State of Vermont, in order to preserve a
6 robust and interdependent economy, urges President Trump to remove all
7 tariffs against imports from Canada that were not in effect on January 20,
8 2025, including those outside the provisions of the USMCA, *and be it further*

9 ***Resolved:*** That the Senate of the State of Vermont urges the U.S. Congress
10 to reassert the legislative branch’s role in the crafting of international trade
11 policy, including the imposition of tariffs, *and be it further*

12 ***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this
13 resolution to President Donald J. Trump, Governor Philip B. Scott, Canadian
14 Prime Minister Mark Carney, Quebec Premier François Legault, and the
15 Vermont Congressional Delegation.

16 and that after passage the title of the resolution be amended to read: “Senate
17 resolution honoring the historic, integrated, and productive relations on the part
18 of both the United States and the State of Vermont with Canada and the
19 Province of Quebec, urging that Congress reassert its role in the crafting of
20 international trade policy, including the imposition of tariffs, and urging that
21 President Trump remove all tariffs he has imposed on Canada since January

1 20, 2025, including those outside the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement
2 (USMCA).

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5 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE