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H. RES. 817

Expressing continued support for the special relationship between the United States and the United Kingdom and urging commencement of negotiations for the development of a North Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (NATIP) between the United States and the United Kingdom.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 11, 2016

Mr. DENT (for himself, Mr. FLORES, Mr. GRIFFITH, Mr. ZINKE, Mr. BLUM, Mr. HANNA, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. KING of New York, and Mrs. WAGNER) 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

RESOLUTION

Expressing continued support for the special relationship between the United States and the United Kingdom and urging commencement of negotiations for the development of a North Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (NATIP) between the United States and the United Kingdom.

Whereas the United States and the United Kingdom share a special relationship embodied through common language, shared values, and mutual trust;

Whereas there is an important shared history between the United States and the United Kingdom, with deep ties between the two economies;

Whereas the United States and the United Kingdom have a shared commitment to mutual security objectives and the fight against global terrorism;

Whereas the bilateral trade relationship between the United States and the United Kingdom is the largest in the world;

Whereas the largest cumulative direct foreign investor in the United States economy is the United Kingdom;

Whereas every State in the United States has jobs created and sustained by British companies, supporting at least 900,000 thousand jobs nationwide;

Whereas British affiliate companies contribute to the United States gross domestic product, with \$135,000,000,000 in value added;

Whereas the United States and the United Kingdom are active participants in international organizations, including the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, G-8, the United Nations, and the World Trade Organization;

Whereas trade between the United States and the United Kingdom remains important to both nations' economic security, with the United Kingdom serving as one the largest markets for United States exports and one of the largest suppliers of United States imports;

Whereas corporate assets invested by the United Kingdom into the United States total over \$2,000,000,000,000;

Whereas the United Kingdom is one of the closest allies of the United States; and

Whereas the people of the United Kingdom voted, through a June 23, 2016, referendum, to leave the European Union: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) reaffirms the strength and endurance of the
3 special relationship between the United States and
4 the United Kingdom;

5 (2) respects the decision of the June 23, 2016,
6 referendum and recognizes that this vote will not di-
7 minish the importance of the bond between the Gov-
8 ernments and people of the United States and the
9 United Kingdom;

10 (3) supports immediate discussions between the
11 Government of the United States and the Govern-
12 ment of the United Kingdom focused on ways to
13 maintain bilateral trade relations and a new free-
14 trade agreement; and

15 (4) instructs the United States Trade Rep-
16 resentative to immediately commence negotiations
17 with the United Kingdom for the development of a
18 new North Atlantic Trade and Investment Partner-
19 ship (NATIP) between the United States and the
20 United Kingdom.

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