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HOUSE RESOLUTION 1076

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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO WORK MORE
2 CLOSELY WITH GERMANY ON TRADE ISSUES AND FOREIGN INVESTMENT,
3 EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE UNITED STATES-GERMANY ALLIANCE,
4 CELEBRATING DECADES OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN NORTH CAROLINA AND
5 GERMANY, STRENGTHENING FRIENDSHIP AND ECONOMIC TIES BETWEEN
6 THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA AND GERMANY, ACKNOWLEDGING THE
7 IMPACT OF GERMAN CULTURE AND CENTURIES OF GERMAN IMMIGRATION
8 ON NORTH CAROLINA, AND REAFFIRMING THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP AND
9 COOPERATION BETWEEN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA AND THE
10 FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.

11 Whereas, North Carolina and Germany have enjoyed decades of friendly and
12 enduring relations, marked by robust economic partnerships, vibrant cultural ties, and shared
13 values that have strengthened the relations between the two regions; and

14 Whereas, North Carolina has enjoyed a rich cultural infusion from Germany through
15 immigration, particularly the establishment of the Moravian community in Winston-Salem, and
16 the State's first capital, New Bern, founded by Swiss and German Palatines led by Baron
17 Christoph von Graffenried, and German namesakes for our communities, including the County
18 of New Hanover, named after the House of Hanover, and the Counties of Mecklenburg and
19 Brunswick, named after Charlotte of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, Queen Consort of Great Britain, and
20 King George I of Great Britain, Duke of Brunswick-Lüneburg, and Prince-Elector of the Holy
21 Roman Empire, respectively; and

22 Whereas, Germany stands as one of the largest originators of foreign direct
23 investment in North Carolina, with over \$3 billion invested into North Carolina's economy since
24 2007; and

25 Whereas, Germany is one of North Carolina's largest trading partners, and ninth
26 largest export destination, with \$4 billion in trade annually; and

27 Whereas, Germany has played an essential role in job creation in North Carolina
28 across various sectors, with 230 German companies employing over 43,000 North Carolinians,
29 with 7,075 new jobs and more than \$2.2 billion in capital investment announced since 2014,
30 thereby contributing significantly to the State's employment and economy; and

31 Whereas, North Carolina has emerged as a premier destination for German
32 investment and ranks among the top US states selected by Germany as a beneficiary of foreign
33 direct investment, reflecting the State's favorable business environment, developed
34 infrastructure, and skilled workforce; and

35 Whereas, German companies have made significant contributions to North Carolina's
36 economic diversification and innovation, driving research and development initiatives through



1 North Carolina's esteemed higher education institutions and in partnerships with domestic
2 industries; and

3 Whereas, trade with Germany plays an instrumental role in North Carolina's
4 economic activity, enhancing prosperity and growth, and fostering mutually beneficial exchanges
5 of goods, services, and technologies, thereby solidifying Germany as a vital trading partner and
6 ally; and

7 Whereas, over 16,600 German expatriates currently live or work in North Carolina,
8 leading to the establishment of the Deutsche Schule Charlotte in 1974 to service the German
9 language education needs of the German-speaking community in Charlotte; and

10 Whereas, five daily direct flights now connect North Carolina with Germany,
11 including service from the Charlotte Douglas and Raleigh-Durham International Airports to
12 Frankfurt and Munich; and

13 Whereas, ApprenticeshipNC's dual-track model for manufacturing apprenticeships
14 was inspired by the Duales Ausbildungssystem pioneered by Germany; and

15 Whereas, Germany and the United States have maintained a steadfast alliance,
16 founded on shared principles of democracy, human rights, and global security with this beneficial
17 relationship contributing to international and regional peace, stability, and prosperity; and

18 Whereas, the democratic principles upheld by both Germany and the United States,
19 serving as essential foundations for international order and cooperation, form the bedrock of the
20 enduring friendship between North Carolina and Germany; and

21 Whereas, North Carolina remains committed to its friendship with Germany and to
22 the US-German alliance and peaceful trade between the nations; Now, therefore,
23 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

24 **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives recognizes the historic significance of
25 the friendship and alliance between the United States and Germany.

26 **SECTION 2.** The House of Representatives commends the people of Germany for
27 their remarkable achievements in promoting democracy, economic prosperity, and international
28 cooperation.

29 **SECTION 3.** The House of Representatives applauds Germany for its continued
30 partnership and economic cooperation with the State of North Carolina.

31 **SECTION 4.** The House of Representatives affirms the steadfast and enduring
32 friendship and cooperation between Germany and the State of North Carolina and expresses
33 commitment to further strengthening these ties.

34 **SECTION 5.** The House of Representatives urges Congress to work closer with
35 Germany on mutually beneficial trade relations to encourage increased investment and
36 collaboration between German and American companies in the economy of both the United
37 States and Germany, respectively.

38 **SECTION 6.** The House of Representatives expresses to Congress full support for
39 the longstanding alliance between the United States of America and Germany, which remains
40 essential for global security and prosperity.

41 **SECTION 7.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the
42 Embassy of Germany in Washington, D.C., and the Consulate-General of Germany in Atlanta,
43 Georgia, each member of North Carolina's Congressional Delegation, the Clerk of the United
44 States House of Representatives and the Secretary of the United States Senate, and the President
45 of the United States.

46 **SECTION 8.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.