

By: Senator(s) Gollott, Dawkins, To: Rules  
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## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 4

1 A RESOLUTION URGING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO LIFT  
2 SANCTIONS AND ESTABLISH PERMANENT NORMAL TRADE RELATIONS WITH  
3 CUBA.

4 WHEREAS, there has been significant change in relations  
5 between Cuba and the United States since 1962 when prohibitive  
6 trade sanctions were imposed; and

7 WHEREAS, this export band was imposed during a period of much  
8 fear and threat of nuclear attack due to the Cold War between the  
9 former Soviet Union, other communist regimes and the United  
10 States; and

11 WHEREAS, that threat no longer exists and it is no longer  
12 United States policy to prohibit trade with a communist country,  
13 as we already have heavy trade with China and are establishing  
14 trade with countries like Vietnam; and

15 WHEREAS, with complete normalization of trade relations, Cuba  
16 could become a \$1 Billion market for United States agricultural  
17 producers within five years, making it our third largest market in  
18 the Americas after Mexico and Canada; and

19 WHEREAS, Mississippi specifically has much to gain with  
20 normalized trade with Cuba due to its close geographical location  
21 and Mississippi's status as a leading producer of poultry; and

22 WHEREAS, Cuba represents a \$22 Million poultry market with  
23 nearly a quarter of this being supplied by Canada and France, that  
24 could easily grow upward to \$100 Million; and

25 WHEREAS, current bilateral trade between Canada and Cuba  
26 exceeds \$500 Million, some of which is Mississippi poultry and  
27 other products being diverted to Cuba through Canada; and



28           WHEREAS, the United States has much to gain by trading with  
29 Cuba, not only in agriculture, but also in many other sectors of  
30 the economy and culture; and

31           WHEREAS, the Cuban people also have much to gain and are more  
32 likely to move toward liberty as they see our way of life and of  
33 the success of our free market system:

34           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
35 MISSISSIPPI, That the members of this body express their support  
36 for normalized trade relations with Cuba and urge Congress to lift  
37 sanctions and establish permanent normal trade with Cuba.

38           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
39 provided to each member of the Mississippi congressional  
40 delegation.

