

By: Senator(s) Gollott, Dawkins, Hewes, Cuevas, Horhn To: Rules

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.

