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4 **House Concurrent Resolution No. 5009**

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6 By Committee on Agriculture

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10 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the President and Congress  
11 of the United States to consider the removal of trade, financial and  
12 travel restrictions, **with the exception of arms sales**, to Cuba **while**  
13 **continuing to encourage Cuba to fully recognize the fundamen-**  
14 **tal rights of its citizens.**

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16 WHEREAS, The relationship between the United States and Cuba  
17 has long been marked by tension and confrontation; and

18 WHEREAS, Further heightening this hostility is the 40-year-old  
19 United States trade embargo against the island nation, which remains the  
20 longest-standing embargo in modern history; and

21 WHEREAS, Cuba imports nearly a billion dollars' worth of food every  
22 year, including wheat, corn, flour and meat products; and

23 WHEREAS, Import amounts are expected to grow significantly in  
24 coming years as Cuba slowly recovers from the severe economic recession  
25 it has endured following the withdrawal of subsidies from the former  
26 Soviet Union in the last decade; and

27 WHEREAS, Kansas ranks number one in flour and wheat production,  
28 and this state is a leader in the overall value of agricultural exports at  
29 more than \$2.5 billion annually; and

30 WHEREAS, Agricultural production in Kansas is valued at more than  
31 \$6 billion annually; and

32 WHEREAS, Kansas is ideally positioned to benefit from the market  
33 opportunities that free trade with Cuba would provide; and

34 WHEREAS, Rather than depriving Cuba of agricultural products, the  
35 United States embargo succeeds only in driving sales to competitors in  
36 other countries that have no such restrictions; and

37 WHEREAS, Trade, financial and travel restrictions imposed by the  
38 United States against Cuba hinder the export of agricultural and food  
39 products from Kansas, and the right of Kansans to travel freely: Now,  
40 therefore,

41 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas,*  
42 *the Senate concurring therein:* That we urge the President and Congress  
43 of the United States to remove trade, financial and travel restrictions,

1 **with the exception of arms sales, relating to Cuba while continuing**  
2 **to encourage Cuba to fully recognize the fundamental rights of its**  
3 **citizens; and**

4 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State be directed to send  
5 enrolled copies of this resolution to the President of the United States,  
6 the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and the Ma-  
7 jority Leader of the United States Senate and to each member of the  
8 Kansas Congressional Delegation.

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