

**H.RES.103 -- Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States should initiate negotiations to enter into a bilateral free trade agreement with Turkey.  
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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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Mr. SENSENBRENNER (for himself and Mr. MORAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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**RESOLUTION**

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States should initiate negotiations to enter into a bilateral free trade agreement with Turkey.

Whereas Turkey is the 17th largest economy in the world and is a founding member of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the Group of Twenty (G-20);

Whereas Turkey has signed 16 free trade agreements with several countries and the European Free Trade Association, and 14 of those agreements are in effect;

Whereas Turkey is in negotiations to enter into free trade agreements with several other countries, including Canada, Lebanon, South Africa, and Mexico;

Whereas United States exports account for 6.09 percent of goods that enter Turkey;

Whereas closer relations with Turkey through free trade agreements would encourage further privatization in Turkey's economy;

Whereas, from 2000 to 2009, Turkey's imports posted a 158-percent increase and imports from free trade agreement countries increased by 118 percent; and

Whereas Turkey is a democratic, secular, unitary, constitutional republic, with an ancient cultural heritage and westward-looking future: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States should initiate negotiations to enter into a bilateral free trade agreement with Turkey.