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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Congress to reject the fast track legislation proposed in S. 995 and H.R. 1890 for the Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015, also known and referred to as the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)

WHEREAS, The massive Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) is currently being negotiated among the United States and 11 Pacific Rim countries including Japan, Mexico, Malaysia, and Vietnam, which represent 40% of the world economy; and

WHEREAS, The proposed agreement could destroy jobs, eliminate environmental and consumer protections, and allow international trade tribunals to overturn American laws; and

WHEREAS, Recently introduced congressional legislation would create a "fast track" process to rush the agreement through Congress and would surrender Congress' constitutional rights to oversee trade policy; and

WHEREAS, Fast tracking TPP would force Congressmembers to vote on the trade agreement without the opportunity to fully debate its provisions or consider amendments, conditions, or alternatives; and

WHEREAS, Congress should not cede legislative authority to permit a process that could destroy jobs, harm the environment, and gut protections for workers and consumers; and

WHEREAS, Fast tracking TPP and similar treaties would risk enormous harm to New York workers, consumers and the state's environment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress of the United States be and hereby is respectfully memorialized by this Legislative Body to reject the proposed bills S. 995 and H.R. 1890 and any other legislation that would permit the Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015, also known and referred to as the Trans-Pacific Partnership

(TPP) to be ratified pursuant to a fast track process; and be it further
RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the President of the Senate of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to each member of the Congressional delegation from the State of New York.