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## Resolution Opposing CAFTA CENTRAL AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, CAFTA is a trade and investment agreement negotiated between the United States and six Central American and Caribbean countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, and the Dominican Republic;

WHEREAS, Congress must ratify CAFTA in an "up or down" vote because under current law, also known as "fast track" authority, no amendments can be considered as part of international trade agreements;

WHEREAS, poor farmers in Central America will not be able to complete with U.S. Agribusiness and therefore cause major displacement of employment in the fields;

WHEREAS, protection of worker rights and environmental protections are very weak because of a lack of consultation of key labor sections in these countries;

WHEREAS, the Congressional Hispanic Caucus members, including Congresswoman Hilda Soliz are opposing CAFTA because of its weak labor and environmental standards which will lead to increased poverty and environmental harm;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that California LULAC at its 58th Annual Convention urges Congress to oppose passage of CAFTA

SUBMITTED BY DISTRICT # 14

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