

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1004

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Strengthening the sister-state ties between the State of South Dakota and Taiwan; supporting the signing of a Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) between Taiwan and the United States; and reaffirming support for increasing Taiwan's international profile.

WHEREAS, the State of South Dakota and Taiwan entered into a sister-state relationship in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan shares the same values of freedom, democracy, rule of law, and respect for human rights with South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, South Dakota and Taiwan have enjoyed a mutually beneficial bilateral trade relationship and anticipate continuing growth, with Taiwan ranking as South Dakota's seventh largest import country in 2017; and

WHEREAS, negotiations for a fair and reciprocal Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) between Taiwan and the United States are an important step toward further strengthening bilateral trade, thereby increasing South Dakota's exports to Taiwan and promoting two-way investments; and

WHEREAS, 2019 marks the 40th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA), a United State public law, which built a strong foundation for the United States-Taiwan ties, and assures the continuation of commercial, cultural, and other relations between the two sides; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan, as a responsible stakeholder in the international community is seeking to meaningfully participate in the World Health Organization (WHO) and International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO):

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Fourth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that South Dakota praises Taiwan's vibrant democracy as well as celebrates the thirty-fifth anniversary of sister-state relations with Taiwan; and that South Dakota supports the signing of a Bilateral Trade Agreement with Taiwan and welcomes even closer bilateral trade and investment ties; and that South Dakota supports Taiwan's appropriate participation in international organizations which impact the health, safety and well-being of its people.

Adopted by the House of Representatives,
Concurred in by the Senate,

February 20, 2019
February 22, 2019

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