

State of South Dakota

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. **1004**

Introduced by: Representatives Rounds, Anderson, Bartels, Barthel, Beal, Bordeaux, Borglum, Brunner, Chaffee, Chase, Cwach, Dennert, Deutsch, Duba, Duvall, Finck, Glanzer, Goodwin, Gosch, Greenfield (Lana), Gross, Hammock, Hansen, Haugaard, Healy, Howard, Hunhoff, Jensen (Kevin), Johns, Johnson (Chris), Johnson (David), Karr, Koth, Lake, Latterell, Lesmeister, Livermont, Marty, McCleerey, Mills, Miskimins, Mulally, Olson, Otten (Herman), Perry, Peterson (Kent), Peterson (Sue), Pischke, Post, Pourier, Qualm, Randolph, Rasmussen, Reed, Reimer, Ring, Saba, Schoenfish, Smith (Jamie), St John, Steele, Sullivan, Weis, Wiese, Willadsen, York, and Zikmund and Senators Cammack, Blare, Curd, Greenfield (Brock), Klumb, Maher, Nelson, Partridge, Steinhauer, and Youngberg

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

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

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

9 WHEREAS, South Dakota and Taiwan have enjoyed a mutually beneficial bilateral trade
10 relationship and anticipate continuing growth, with Taiwan ranking as South Dakota's seventh



1 largest import country in 2017; and

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

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

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

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