

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution urging North Dakota to continue strengthening the sister-state ties  
2 between North Dakota and the people of the Republic of China (Taiwan); supporting the signing  
3 of a Bilateral Trade Agreement between the United States and Taiwan; and reaffirming support  
4 for increasing Taiwan's international profile.

5 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota and Taiwan entered a sister-state relationship in 1986; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan shares the same values of freedom, democracy, rule of law, and  
7 respect for human rights as North Dakota; and

8 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota and Taiwan look forward to further promoting the relationship for  
9 mutual trade, education, and cultural benefits; and

10 **WHEREAS**, negotiations for a fair and reciprocal Bilateral Trade Agreement between  
11 Taiwan and the United States are an important step toward further strengthening bilateral trade,  
12 which will increase North Dakota's exports to Taiwan and promote bilateral investments; and

13 **WHEREAS**, 2019 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act, a United States  
14 public law, which built a strong foundation for the ties between the United States and Taiwan  
15 and assures the continuation of commercial, cultural, and other relations between the two; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan, as a responsible stakeholder in the international community, is seeking  
17 to meaningfully participate in the World Health Organization and International Civil Aviation  
18 Organization;

19 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF**  
20 **NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:**

21 That the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly urges North Dakota to continue its endorsement  
22 and support of the relationship and shared interests between the people of the Republic of  
23 China (Taiwan) and North Dakota and celebrate the 33<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of sister-state relations;  
24 that the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly endorses the signing of a Bilateral Trade Agreement  
25 between Taiwan and the United States; and that the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly supports

1 Taiwan's meaningful participation in international organizations that support the health, safety,  
2 and well-being of the people of Taiwan; and

3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution  
4 to the United States Secretary of State, Secretary General of the International Civil Aviation  
5 Organization, United States Secretary of Transportation, Governor of the Taiwan Provincial  
6 Government, and Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Denver,  
7 Colorado.