



February 28, 2017

**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. 16**

DIGEST OF RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION supporting Taiwan's signing of the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and Bilateral Investment Agreement (BIA) with the United States and reaffirming support for increasing Taiwan's international profile and for strengthening sister-state ties between Indiana and Taiwan.

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(SENATE SPONSOR — YOUNG M)

February 2, 2017, read first time, adopted by voice vote.

SENATE ACTION

February 7, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Policy.
February 27, 2017, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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2 the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and Bilateral Investment Agreement
3 (BIA) with the United States and reaffirming support for increasing
4 Taiwan's international profile and for strengthening sister-state ties
5 between Indiana and Taiwan.

6 *Whereas, The state of Indiana is proud of the sister-state*
7 *relationship it has enjoyed with the Republic of China*
8 *(Taiwan) since 1979 marked by strong bilateral trade,*
9 *educational and cultural exchanges, and tourism;*

10 *Whereas, Taiwan shares the same values of freedom,*
11 *democracy, human rights, the rule of law, peace, and*
12 *prosperity with the United States and the state of Indiana;*

13 *Whereas, The United States ranks as Taiwan's second*
14 *largest trading partner; Taiwan is the ninth largest trading*
15 *partner of the United States, and bilateral trade reached*
16 *\$66.6 billion in 2015;*

17 *Whereas, Taiwan and the state of Indiana have enjoyed a*
18 *long and mutually beneficial relationship with the prospect*
19 *of future growth, and Taiwan was Indiana's fifth largest*
20 *export market in Asia in 2015, with \$172.7 million worth of*
21 *Indiana goods exported to Taiwan;*

22 *Whereas, Negotiating a Bilateral Investment Agreement*
23 *(BIA) between Taiwan and the United States is an important*
24 *step toward further strengthening bilateral trade and paving*
25 *the way for entering into a Free Trade Agreement between*
26 *our countries, thereby increasing Indiana's exports to*



1 *Taiwan and creating bilateral investment and technical*
 2 *collaboration through tariff reduction and other trade*
 3 *facilitation measures; and*

4 *Whereas, Taiwan has undertaken a policy of "steadfast*
 5 *diplomacy" in its international relations. Taiwan is capable*
 6 *of and willing to fulfill its responsibilities and to collaborate*
 7 *with the world to deal with the challenges of humanitarian*
 8 *aid, disease control, and so forth: Therefore,*

9 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives*
 10 *of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,*
 11 *the Senate concurring:*

12 SECTION 1. That the General Assembly reaffirms its commitment
 13 to the strengthening and deepening of the sister-state relationship
 14 between Taiwan and the state of Indiana.

15 SECTION 2. That Indiana endorses Taiwan's efforts to secure the
 16 signing of the Bilateral Investment Agreement (BIA) and Free Trade
 17 Agreement (FTA) with the United States

18 SECTION 3. That Indiana continues to support Taiwan's meaningful
 19 participation in international organizations that impact the health,
 20 safety, and well-being of its people, and supports its aspiration to make
 21 more contributions in international societies.

22 SECTION 4. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
 23 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the members of the
 24 Indiana Congressional delegation and the Taipei Economic and
 25 Cultural Office in Chicago, Illinois.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Public Policy, to which was referred House Concurrent Resolution No. 16, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said resolution DO PASS.

(Reference is to HC 16 as introduced.)

ALTING, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0

