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### DIGEST OF RESOLUTION

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Randolph Lonnie M**

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February 5, 2020, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Policy.  
February 20, 2020, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1           A SENATE RESOLUTION supporting Taiwan's signing of  
2 a Bilateral Trade Agreement with the United States, reaffirming  
3 support for increasing Taiwan's international profile and for  
4 strengthening ties between Indiana and Taiwan.

5           *Whereas, In 1979, the State of Indiana established a sister-*  
6 *state relationship with the Taiwan Province, the Republic of*  
7 *China (Taiwan), and Indiana and Taiwan have enjoyed strong*  
8 *bilateral trade, educational and cultural exchanges, and*  
9 *tourism;*

10           *Whereas, Taiwan shares the same values of freedom,*  
11 *democracy, human rights, the rule of law, peace, and prosperity*  
12 *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 United States eleventh-*  
15 *largest trading partner, and the two nations conducted bilateral*  
16 *trade of \$76.3 billion in 2018;*

17           *Whereas, Taiwan and the State of Indiana have enjoyed a*  
18 *long and mutually beneficial relationship with the prospect of*  
19 *future growth, and Taiwan was Indiana's seventh-largest export*

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1 *market in Asia in 2018, with \$177 million worth of Indiana*  
2 *goods being exported to Taiwan;*

3 *Whereas, Negotiations for a Bilateral Trade Agreement*  
4 *between Taiwan and the United States are an important step*  
5 *toward further strengthening bilateral trade between our*  
6 *countries, thereby increasing Indiana's exports to Taiwan and*  
7 *creating bilateral investment and technical collaboration*  
8 *through tariff reduction and other trade facilitation measures;*  
9 *and*

10 *Whereas, Taiwan has undertaken a policy of "steadfast*  
11 *diplomacy" in its international relations, and is capable of and*  
12 *willing to fulfill its responsibilities and collaborate with the*  
13 *world to deal with the world's challenge, including*  
14 *humanitarian aid and disease control: Therefore,*

15 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*  
16 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

17 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate reaffirms its  
18 commitment to the strengthening and deepening of the ties  
19 between the State of Indiana and Taiwan, supports Taiwan's  
20 signing of a Bilateral Trade Agreement with the United States,  
21 offers its continued support to Taiwan's meaningful  
22 participation in international organizations which impact the  
23 health, safety, and well-being of its people, and supports  
24 Taiwan's aspiration to make more contributions in international  
25 societies.

26 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed  
27 to transmit copies of this Resolution to the members of the  
28 Indiana Congressional Delegation and the Taipei Economic and  
29 Cultural Office in Chicago, Illinois.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Public Policy, to which was referred Senate Resolution No. 24, 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 SR 24 as introduced.)

ALTING, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0

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