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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Celebrating the sisterstate relationship between the State of Nevada and Taiwan, affirming support for the signing of a Bilateral Investment Agreement between Taiwan and the United States and reaffirming support for increasing Taiwan's international profile.

WHEREAS, The State of Nevada is proud of the sister-state relationship it has enjoyed with Taiwan since 1985; and

WHEREAS, This relationship has been strengthened through the efforts of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in San Francisco, resulting in better mutual understanding; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan shares the same values of freedom, democracy, human rights, rule of law, peace and prosperity with the United States and the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, The World Health Organization has invited Taiwan to attend the World Health Assembly since 2009, setting precedent for Taiwan's meaningful participation in the specialized agencies of the United Nations; and

WHEREAS, Negotiations of a Bilateral Investment Agreement between Taiwan and the United States are an important step toward further strengthening bilateral trade, paving the way for increasing exports from Nevada to Taiwan and creating bilateral investment and technical collaboration of the sister states through trade facilitation measures; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan has undertaken a policy of "steadfast diplomacy" regarding international relations and is capable of and



willing to fulfill its responsibilities and to collaborate with the world to deal with the many challenges of humanitarian aid, including disease control; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the sister-state relationship of the State of Nevada and Taiwan is a source of great pride for the people of the State of Nevada, bringing enlightenment, friendship and economic growth to both partners; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Nevada State Legislature hereby affirms support for Taiwan's signing of a Bilateral Investment Agreement with the United States and reaffirms support for increasing Taiwan's international profile; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to Director General Joseph Ma of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in San Francisco.

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