

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senators Ericksen, Nguyen, Bailey, Keiser, Takko, Hunt, Carlyle, Dhingra, Braun, Randall, Brown, Wagoner, Rivers, Walsh, Cleveland, Wilson, L., Hawkins, Warnick, Holy, Zeiger, Honeyford, Padden, Fortunato, Short, Schoesler, and King

1 WHEREAS, Taiwan shares a historical and close relationship marked
2 by strong bilateral trade, educational and cultural exchanges, and
3 tourism with the United States and the State of Washington; and

4 WHEREAS, Taiwan, the United States, and the State of Washington
5 all cherish dearly the common values of freedom, democracy, human
6 rights, and the rule of law; and

7 WHEREAS, The United States is Taiwan's second largest trading
8 partner and the second largest destination of Taiwan's outward
9 investment, while Taiwan is the tenth largest trading partner of the
10 United States, with bilateral trade in goods and in services having
11 reached 86.8 billion dollars in 2017; and

12 WHEREAS, Taiwan and the State of Washington have enjoyed a long
13 and mutually beneficial relationship with the prospect of further
14 growth, and Taiwan was Washington's sixth largest export destination
15 in 2017; and

16 WHEREAS, Taiwan is the seventh largest export destination for
17 United States agricultural goods, and has traditionally ranked among
18 the top three importers of Washington wheat; and

19 WHEREAS, The State of Washington welcomes opportunities for an
20 even closer economic partnership to increase trade and investment
21 through agreements between the United States and Taiwan to boost
22 stronger exports from Washington to Taiwan and create greater
23 benefits for all citizens of Washington; and

1 WHEREAS, This year marks the fortieth anniversary of the
2 enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act, which codified in law the
3 legal basis for continued commercial and cultural relations between
4 the United States and Taiwan; and

5 WHEREAS, Taiwan, as a willing and contributing member of the
6 world community, has worked with the United States to address
7 regional and global challenges under the mechanism of the United
8 States-Taiwan Global Cooperation and Training Framework, and jointly
9 conducted capacity building programs for regional experts in areas of
10 public health, women empowerment, energy efficiency, and bridging
11 digital gaps; and

12 WHEREAS, Taiwan has proven to be a valuable contributor in a
13 broad range of global issues, through providing humanitarian
14 assistance/disaster relief, safeguarding cybersecurity, fighting
15 against terrorism, and jointly tackling transnational crime; and

16 WHEREAS, It is appropriate that Taiwan be permitted meaningful
17 participation in various international organizations that impact
18 public health, international safety, and the global environment,
19 including the World Health Organization, the International Civil
20 Aviation Organization, the United Nations Framework Convention on
21 Climate Change, and the International Criminal Police Organization;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

23 (1) That the Washington State Senate reaffirms its commitment to
24 the strong and deepening relationship between the people of Taiwan
25 and the State of Washington; and

26 (2) That the Washington State Senate supports Taiwan's
27 participation in international organizations that impact the global
28 trade, health, safety, and the well-being of the twenty-three million
29 people in Taiwan; and

30 (3) That the Washington State Senate welcomes the periodic trade
31 talks under the United States-Taiwan Trade and Investment Framework
32 Agreement, and the signing of bilateral trade agreements between the
33 United States and Taiwan in the process of closer economic
34 integration.

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