1   SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 136
2   BY BEALL, BLACK, KIBBIE, McCOY, BOETTGER,
3   BEHN, BOLKCOM, CONNOLLY, and IVERSON
4 A Resolution supporting a free trade agreement between
5   the Republic of China on Taiwan and the United States.
6   WHEREAS, the Republic of China on Taiwan and the
7 United States enjoy one of the most important economic
8 and strategic international relationships that exists
9 today; and
10   WHEREAS, together, Taiwan and the United States
11 promote a shared belief in freedom, democracy, and
12 market principles; and
13   WHEREAS, the level of mutual investment between
14 Taiwan and the United States is substantial; and
15   WHEREAS, streamlined foreign investment procedures
16 developed under a free trade agreement between Taiwan
17 and the United States would create new business
18 opportunities and new jobs; and
19   WHEREAS, a free trade agreement between Taiwan and
20 the United States would encourage greater innovations
21 and manufacturing efficiencies by stimulating joint
22 technological development, practical applications, and
23 new cooperative ventures; and
24   WHEREAS, a recent study by the United States
25 International Trade Commission supports the
26 negotiation of a free trade agreement between Taiwan
27 and the United States; and
28   WHEREAS, a free trade agreement between Taiwan and
29 the United States would build on the existing strong
30 relations between Taiwan and the United States to

1 simultaneously boost Taiwan's security and democracy
2 and serve the broader interests of the United States
3 in the Asia-Pacific region; NOW THEREFORE,
4   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
5 supports the negotiation of a free trade agreement
6 between the Republic of China on Taiwan and the United
7 States of America; and
8   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon adoption, an
9 official copy of this Resolution be prepared and
10 presented to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office
11 located in Chicago, Illinois.
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