

Senate Resolution 101 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 101

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1 A Resolution congratulating the Republic of China on
2 Taiwan on its twentieth anniversary of participating
3 in the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum and
4 supporting the Republic of China on Taiwan as a part
5 of the global community.

6 WHEREAS, the Republic of China on Taiwan in 2012
7 is celebrating 20 years of Taiwan's participation in
8 the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum and
9 its active role in promoting economic cooperation in
10 the Asia-Pacific region, particularly in the areas of
11 broadening opportunities for digital computing, green
12 technologies, and renewable energy, improving crisis
13 management for small and medium-size enterprises,
14 and establishing a research center for typhoon and
15 society; and

16 WHEREAS, Taiwan in 2010 ranked as the United States'
17 ninth largest trading partner in the world, serving as
18 the United States' thirteenth largest export market and
19 ninth largest source of imports; and

20 WHEREAS, Taiwan is the world's sixth largest market
21 for United States agricultural goods, as well as the
22 fifteenth-largest market for Iowa goods, worth \$106
23 million in 2010, an increase of 12.9 percent above
24 Iowa's exports to Taiwan in 2009, which exports could
25 increase further in coming years with the expected
26 purchases of soybeans and corn following the September
27 2011 visit of the Taiwan Agricultural Goodwill Mission
28 to Iowa and the Midwest, thus contributing to the

1 region's economy; and

2 WHEREAS, Taiwan seeks greater regional integration
3 in the Asian-Pacific and welcomes the opportunity
4 presented by the United States announcement at the
5 2011 APEC leaders' meeting of its intent to not only
6 join the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), the proposed
7 twenty-first century trade agreement between the United
8 States and eight other Asia-Pacific Rim countries, but
9 to expand TPP membership in the future to include other
10 countries, such as Taiwan; and

11 WHEREAS, Taiwan's absence from international
12 organizations has impeded Taiwan's ability to
13 participate in global climate initiatives and to
14 respond to natural disasters like Typhoon Morakot,
15 which struck Taiwan in the summer of 2009, an unusually
16 destructive typhoon season in the Pacific; and

17 WHEREAS, aviation safety has become a major global
18 concern since 2001, with Taiwan being a key air
19 transport hub in the Asia-Pacific region, with more
20 than 1 million flights passing through the Taipei
21 Flight Information Region, and with one of the world's
22 largest airports by cargo volume, Taoyuan International
23 Airport; NOW THEREFORE,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Iowa Senate
25 congratulates the Republic of China on Taiwan in
26 2012 on the one-hundredth anniversary of its Founding
27 Day of January 1, and separately, on its 20 years of
28 participation in the APEC forum; supports Taiwan's
29 efforts to secure entry to the TPP, along with
30 the United States and other friendly Asia-Pacific

1 Rim countries; and reaffirms its support for the
2 participation of Taiwan in the United Nations
3 Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and
4 the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
5 to increase Taiwan's international stature in and
6 contribution to the global community; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of
8 the Senate is hereby directed to send a copy of this
9 Resolution to United States Secretary of State Hillary
10 Rodham Clinton; Executive Secretary Christiana Figueres
11 of the UNFCCC; Secretary General Raymond Benjamin of
12 the ICAO; President Ma Ying-jeou of the Republic of
13 China (Taiwan); and the Taipei Economic and Cultural
14 Office in Chicago, Illinois.