

# House Resolution 114 - Introduced

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 114

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1 A Resolution reaffirming Iowa's commitment to  
2 its relationship with Taiwan, particularly to  
3 strengthening sister-state ties and continuing  
4 to grow trade and exchanges between Iowa and  
5 Taiwan; reaffirming support for Taiwan's efforts to  
6 secure entry to the Trans-Pacific Partnership; and  
7 supporting the signing of a bilateral investment  
8 agreement between Taiwan and the United States.  
9 WHEREAS, relations between the Republic of China  
10 (Taiwan) and the United States, in particular the State  
11 of Iowa, which shares sister-city and sister-state  
12 relationships with Taiwan, are marked by strong  
13 bilateral trade, educational and cultural exchanges,  
14 and tourism; and  
15 WHEREAS, Taiwan shares with the United States  
16 and the State of Iowa the common values of freedom,  
17 democracy, and human rights, and a commitment to the  
18 rule of law; and  
19 WHEREAS, the United States ranks as Taiwan's  
20 third-largest trading partner, and Taiwan is the  
21 United States' 11th largest trading partner, with total  
22 bilateral trade reaching \$63 billion in 2012; and  
23 WHEREAS, Taiwan and the State of Iowa have enjoyed

1 a long and mutually beneficial relationship and  
2 anticipate continuing growth, with Taiwan ranking as  
3 Iowa's 20th largest export destination in 2012, with  
4 \$92.25 million worth of Iowa goods shipped to Taiwan,  
5 including food, machinery, chemicals, miscellaneous  
6 manufactured commodities, and agricultural  
7 products; and

8 WHEREAS, Taiwan's imports of goods continue to  
9 contribute to Iowa's economy since the September 2013  
10 visit of the Taiwan Agricultural Goodwill Mission to  
11 the United States, which included a delegation visit  
12 to Des Moines and signing of letters of intent for  
13 Iowa-grown corn and soybeans through 2015; and

14 WHEREAS, Taiwan, in order to contribute to greater  
15 regional integration in the Asia-Pacific region  
16 and further promote bilateral investment and trade  
17 relations with the United States, seeks to join the  
18 Trans-Pacific Partnership, the proposed 21st century  
19 trade agreement between the United States and currently  
20 11 other Asia-Pacific Rim countries, and the United  
21 States has announced its intention that membership in  
22 the Trans-Pacific Partnership expand in the future to  
23 include other friendly countries, such as Taiwan; and

24 WHEREAS, Taiwan, an important economic power,  
25 a dynamic market economy, and leading supplier of  
26 high-tech products, is the world's 17th largest  
27 economy, 14th largest exporter, and 16th largest  
28 importer; and according to the 2014 Index of Economic  
29 Freedom, Taiwan ranks as the world's 20th most free  
30 economy, and fifth most free among 42 economies in the

1 Asia-Pacific region, only behind Hong Kong, Singapore,  
2 Australia, and New Zealand, and is deserving of greater  
3 participation and inclusion in wider regional economic  
4 integration; and

5 WHEREAS, negotiations for a bilateral investment  
6 agreement between Taiwan and the United States are an  
7 important step toward further strengthening bilateral  
8 trade and paving the way for entering into a free-trade  
9 agreement between our two countries, thereby increasing  
10 Iowa's exports to Taiwan and creating bilateral  
11 investment and technical collaboration through tariff  
12 reduction and other trade facilitation measures; NOW  
13 THEREFORE,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That  
15 the House of Representatives reaffirms its support for  
16 strengthening sister-state and sister-city ties between  
17 Taiwan and the State of Iowa and continued growth in  
18 bilateral trade, particularly agricultural goods;  
19 reaffirms support for Taiwan's efforts to secure entry  
20 into the Trans-Pacific Partnership to contribute to  
21 greater regional integration; and supports the signing  
22 of a bilateral investment agreement between Taiwan and  
23 the United States to increase exports and facilitate  
24 trade and investment with Taiwan; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the  
26 House of Representatives is directed to send a copy of  
27 this resolution to United States Secretary of State  
28 John F. Kerry; President Ma Ying-jeou of the Republic  
29 of China (Taiwan); and the Taipei Economic and Cultural  
30 Office in Chicago, Illinois.