

Senate Resolution 106 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 106

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1 A Resolution honoring and recognizing the special
2 relationship between Taiwan and the State of Iowa.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Iowa is proud of the
4 sister-state relationship it has enjoyed with Taiwan
5 since 1989, which is marked by strong bilateral trade,
6 educational and cultural exchanges, and tourism; and

7 WHEREAS, the State of Iowa reaffirms its commitment
8 to strengthening and deepening the sister ties between
9 the State of Iowa and Taiwan, supports Taiwan's signing
10 of a bilateral trade agreement with the United States,
11 and continues its support for increasing Taiwan's
12 international profile; and

13 WHEREAS, the United States ranks as Taiwan's second
14 largest importer, and Taiwan is the United States'
15 fifteenth largest export destination, making Taiwan
16 the United States' eleventh largest trading partner,
17 with total bilateral trade reaching \$76 billion as of
18 2018; and

19 WHEREAS, Taiwan and the State of Iowa have enjoyed
20 a long and mutually beneficial relationship and
21 anticipate continuing growth, with Taiwan ranking as
22 Iowa's fourth largest export destination in Asia as of
23 2018, with \$386.1 million worth of Iowa goods shipped
24 to Taiwan, including meat, soybeans, and animal feeds;
25 agricultural chemicals; and miscellaneous manufactured
26 commodities, including precision instruments and
27 avionics; and Iowa importing \$247.6 million in goods
28 from Taiwan in 2018; and

1 WHEREAS, negotiating for a bilateral trade
2 agreement between Taiwan and the United States is an
3 important step toward further strengthening bilateral
4 trade between the State of Iowa and Taiwan, thereby
5 increasing Iowa's exports to Taiwan and creating
6 investment and technical collaboration through tariff
7 reduction and other trade facilitation measures; and

8 WHEREAS, Taiwan has undertaken a policy of
9 "steadfast diplomacy" regarding international
10 relations and is capable of and willing to fulfill its
11 responsibilities and to collaborate with the world to
12 deal with the challenges of humanitarian aid, disease
13 control, and other important issues; NOW THEREFORE,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
15 memorializes the thirty-first anniversary of the
16 Iowa-Taiwan sister-state relationship and the
17 forty-first anniversary of the United States Congress's
18 enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act; reaffirms
19 its commitment to strengthening the sister-state
20 relationship between Taiwan and the State of Iowa; and
21 endorses Taiwan's efforts to secure a favorable trade
22 relationship with the United States; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of
24 the Senate is hereby directed to send copies of this
25 Resolution to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office
26 in Chicago, Illinois.