

Senate Resolution 107 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 107

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1 A Resolution reaffirming commitment to strengthening
2 and deepening of the sister ties between the State
3 of Iowa and Taiwan, supporting Taiwan's signing of
4 a Bilateral Trade Agreement with the United States,
5 and continuing support for increasing Taiwan's
6 international profile.

7 WHEREAS, in 1989, the State of Iowa established the
8 sister state relationship with the Taiwan Province,
9 Republic of China (Taiwan), and Iowa and Taiwan
10 have enjoyed strong bilateral trade, educational and
11 cultural exchange, and tourism; and

12 WHEREAS, Taiwan shares the same values of freedom,
13 democracy, human rights, the rule of law, peace, and
14 prosperity with the United States and the State of
15 Iowa; and

16 WHEREAS, the United States ranks as Taiwan's second
17 largest trading partner, Taiwan ranks as the eleventh
18 largest trading partner of the United States, and
19 bilateral trade reached \$76.3 billion in 2018; and

20 WHEREAS, Taiwan and the State of Iowa have enjoyed
21 a long and mutually beneficial relationship with the
22 prospect of future growth and Taiwan was Iowa's fifth
23 largest export market in Asia in 2018, with \$208
24 million worth of Iowa goods exported to Taiwan; and

25 WHEREAS, negotiations for a Bilateral Trade
26 Agreement (BTA) between Taiwan and the United States
27 are an important step toward further strengthening
28 bilateral trade between our countries, thereby

1 increasing Iowa's exports to Taiwan and creating
2 bilateral investment and technical collaboration
3 through tariff reduction and other trade facilitation
4 measures; and

5 WHEREAS, Taiwan has undertaken a policy of
6 "steadfast diplomacy" in its international
7 relations; and

8 WHEREAS, Taiwan is capable of, and willing to,
9 fulfilling its responsibilities and collaborating with
10 the world to deal with the challenges of humanitarian
11 aid, disease control, and other challenges; NOW

12 THEREFORE,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
14 reaffirms its commitment to the strengthening and
15 deepening of the sister ties between the State of Iowa
16 and Taiwan; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate endorses
18 Taiwan's efforts to secure the signing of the BTA with
19 the United States and reiterates its support for a
20 closer economic and trade partnership between the State
21 of Iowa and Taiwan; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate continues
23 to support Taiwan's appropriate participation in
24 international organizations which impact the health,
25 safety, and well-being of the people of Taiwan and
26 supports Taiwan's aspiration to make more contributions
27 in international societies; and

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the
29 Senate is hereby directed to transmit copies of this
30 resolution to the members of the Iowa Congressional

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1 delegation and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office
2 in Chicago, Illinois.