

Senate Resolution 13 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 13

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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 United States ranks as Taiwan's
8 third-largest importer, and Taiwan is the United
9 States' 15th largest export destination, making Taiwan
10 the United States' 11th largest trading partner, with
11 total bilateral trade reaching \$68.8 billion as of
12 November 2018; and

13 WHEREAS, Taiwan and the State of Iowa have enjoyed
14 a long and mutually beneficial relationship and
15 anticipate continuing growth, with Taiwan ranking
16 as Iowa's 6th largest export destination in Asia as
17 of November 2018, with \$193.9 million worth of Iowa
18 goods shipped to Taiwan, including meat, soybeans, and
19 animal feeds; agricultural chemicals; and miscellaneous
20 manufactured commodities, including precision
21 instruments and avionics; and

22 WHEREAS, negotiating for a bilateral trade
23 agreement between Taiwan and the United States is an
24 important step toward further strengthening bilateral
25 trade between the State of Iowa and Taiwan, thereby
26 increasing Iowa's exports to Taiwan and creating
27 investment and technical collaboration through tariff

1 reduction and other trade facilitation measures; and

2 WHEREAS, Taiwan has undertaken a policy of
3 "steadfast diplomacy" regarding international
4 relations and is capable of and willing to fulfill its
5 responsibilities and to collaborate with the world to
6 deal with the challenges of humanitarian aid, disease
7 control, and other important issues; NOW THEREFORE,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
9 memorializes the 30th anniversary of the Iowa-Taiwan
10 sister-state relationship and the 40th anniversary
11 of the United States Congress's enactment of the
12 Taiwan Relations Act; reaffirms its commitment to
13 strengthening the sister-state relationship between
14 Taiwan and the State of Iowa; and endorses Taiwan's
15 efforts to secure a favorable trade relationship with
16 the United States; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of
18 the Senate is hereby directed to send copies of this
19 Resolution to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office
20 in Chicago, Illinois.