

Senate Resolution 106 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 106

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1 A Resolution honoring the nation of Taiwan.

2 WHEREAS, the state of Iowa established a
3 sister-state relationship with Taiwan in 1989, and
4 Iowa and Taiwan have enjoyed strong bilateral trade,
5 educational and cultural exchanges, and tourism; and

6 WHEREAS, on November 5, 2021, the Senate and House
7 of Representatives established the Iowa Statehouse
8 Taiwan Friendship Caucus, with bipartisan support,
9 the fourth such caucus established in midwestern
10 states; and

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

14 WHEREAS, the United States ranks as the second
15 largest trading partner of Taiwan, and Taiwan is the
16 eighth largest trading partner of the United States,
17 and bilateral trade reached more than \$856 billion in
18 2021; and

19 WHEREAS, Taiwan and Iowa have enjoyed a long and
20 mutually beneficial relationship with the prospect of
21 future growth, and Taiwan was the fourth largest export
22 market in Asia in 2020; and

23 WHEREAS, to strengthen the Taiwan-Iowa bilateral
24 economic relationship, it is essential to support Iowa
25 businesses and to enhance economic engagement with
26 Taiwan based on the federal Taiwan Relations Act; and

27 WHEREAS, as the federal Taiwan Relations Act
28 stipulates that "[w]henver the laws of the United

1 States refer or relate to foreign countries, nations,
2 states, governments, or similar entities, such terms
3 shall include and such laws shall apply with respect to
4 Taiwan", it is legitimate for Iowa businesses to refer
5 to Taiwan as "Taiwan" in conducting their business ties
6 with Taiwan; and

7 WHEREAS, negotiations for a bilateral trade
8 agreement between Taiwan and the United States are an
9 important step toward further strengthening bilateral
10 trade between the countries, thereby increasing Iowa's
11 exports to Taiwan and creating bilateral investment and
12 technical collaboration through tariff reduction and
13 other trade facilitation measures; and

14 WHEREAS, Taiwan has undertaken a policy of
15 "steadfast diplomacy" in international relations,
16 and Taiwan is capable of and willing to fulfill its
17 responsibilities and to collaborate with the world
18 to deal with such challenges as humanitarian aid and
19 disease control; NOW THEREFORE,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
21 reaffirms its commitment to strengthening and deepening
22 ties with Taiwan; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate reaffirms
24 support for the federal Taiwan Relations Act and
25 encourages Iowa businesses to make reference to
26 "Taiwan" when engaged in business relations; and

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate endorses the
28 efforts of Taiwan to secure the signing of a bilateral
29 trade agreement with the United States, and reiterates
30 support for a closer economic and trade partnership

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1 between Iowa and Taiwan; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate shall
3 continue to support the meaningful participation of
4 Taiwan in international organizations which impact
5 the health, safety, and well-being of the people of
6 Taiwan, and supports Taiwan's aspiration to make more
7 contributions internationally.