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**HOUSE CONCURRENT  
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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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February 13, 2014, read first time and referred to Committee on Interstate International Cooperation.  
February 20, 2014, reported — Do Pass.

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*Whereas, The Republic of China (Taiwan) and the United States, in particular the state of Indiana, share a sister-state relationship marked by strong bilateral trade, educational and cultural exchange, and tourism;*

*Whereas, Taiwan shares with the United States and Indiana the common values of freedom, democracy, human rights, and the rule of law;*

*Whereas, The United States ranks as Taiwan's third largest trading partner while Taiwan is the eleventh largest trading partner of the United States with bilateral trade reaching \$63,000,000,000 in 2012;*

*Whereas, Taiwan and Indiana have enjoyed a long and mutually beneficial relationship with the prospect of future growth;*

*Whereas, Taiwan was Indiana's 8th largest export market in Asia in 2012 with \$235,600,000 worth of Indiana goods*

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*exported to Taiwan, which is 9 percent growth over 2011;*

*Whereas, Negotiations for a Bilateral Investment Agreement (BIA) between Taiwan and the United States are an important step toward further strengthening bilateral trade and paving the way for entering into a Free Trade Agreement between our countries, thereby increasing Indiana's exports to Taiwan and creating bilateral investment and technical collaboration through tariff reduction and other trade facilitation measures; and*

*Whereas, Taiwan, seeking greater regional integration in the Asia-Pacific region and promotion of bilateral investment and trade relations with the United States, welcomes the opportunity presented by the United States announcement at the 2011 APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting of the United States' intent not only to join the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), the proposed 21st century trade agreement between the United States and 11 other Asia-Pacific Rim countries, but to expand TPP membership in the future to include other countries such as Taiwan: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives  
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,  
the Senate concurring:*

- 1           SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly reaffirms its  
2           commitment to the strong and deepening sister-state relationship  
3           between Taiwan and the State of Indiana.  
4           SECTION 2. That the Indiana General Assembly supports Taiwan's  
5           efforts to secure entry to the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), welcome  
6           the signing of the Bilateral Investment Agreement (BIA) and Free  
7           Trade Agreement (FTA) with the United States.  
8           SECTION 3. That the Indiana General Assembly supports Taiwan's  
9           appropriate participation in international organizations which impact  
10          the health, safety, and well-being of Taiwan.  
11          SECTION 4. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
12          Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to the members of the  
13          Indiana Congressional delegation, and the Taipei Economic and  
14          Cultural Office in Chicago, Illinois.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Statutory Committee on Interstate and International Cooperation, to which was referred House Concurrent Resolution 31, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said resolution do pass.

(Reference is to HCR 31 as introduced.)

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0

Representative Culver

