

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 5

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION supporting Taiwan's signing of a Bilateral Trade Agreement with the United States and reaffirming support for increasing Taiwan's international profile and for strengthening sister-state ties between Indiana and Taiwan.

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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION supporting Taiwan's signing of
2 a Bilateral Trade Agreement with the United States and
3 reaffirming support for increasing Taiwan's international profile
4 and for strengthening sister-state ties between Indiana and
5 Taiwan.

6 *Whereas, The State of Indiana is proud of the sister-state*
7 *relationship it has enjoyed with the Republic of China (Taiwan)*
8 *since 1979, marked by strong bilateral trade, educational and*
9 *cultural exchange, and tourism;*

10 *Whereas, Taiwan shares the same values of freedom,*
11 *democracy, human rights, the rule of law, peace, and prosperity*
12 *with the United States and the State of Indiana;*

13 *Whereas, The United States ranks as Taiwan's second*
14 *largest trading partner, Taiwan is the tenth largest trading*
15 *partner of the United States, and bilateral trade reached \$65.3*
16 *billion in 2016;*

17 *Whereas, Taiwan and the State of Indiana have enjoyed a*
18 *long and mutually beneficial relationship with the prospect of*
19 *future growth, and Taiwan was Indiana's 7th largest export*



1 *market in Asia in 2016, with \$181.04 million worth of Indiana*
2 *goods exported to Taiwan;*

3 *Whereas, Negotiations for a Bilateral Trade Agreement*
4 *(BTA) between Taiwan and the United States are an important*
5 *step toward further strengthening bilateral trade between our*
6 *countries, thereby increasing Indiana's exports to Taiwan and*
7 *creating bilateral investment and technical collaboration*
8 *through tariff reduction and other trade facilitation measures;*
9 *and*

10 *Whereas, Taiwan has undertaken a policy of "steadfast*
11 *diplomacy" in its international relations, is capable of and*
12 *willing to fulfill its responsibilities, and is willing to collaborate*
13 *with the world to deal with the challenges of humanitarian aid,*
14 *disease control and so forth: Therefore,*

15 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
16 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

17 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate reaffirms its commitment to
18 the strengthening and deepening of the sister-state relationship between
19 Taiwan and the State of Indiana, endorses Taiwan's efforts to secure the
20 signing of the Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) with the United States,
21 offers its continued support to Taiwan's meaningful participation in
22 international organizations which impact the health, safety and well-
23 being of its people, and supports its aspiration to make more
24 contributions in international societies.

25 SECTION 2. That the Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
26 transmit copies of this resolution to the members of the Indiana
27 Congressional Delegation and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office
28 in Chicago, Illinois.

