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DIGEST OF RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION supporting Taiwan's signing of a Bilateral Trade Agreement with the United States, reaffirming Indiana's commitment to strengthening and deepening of the sister ties between Indiana and Taiwan, and continuing to support an increase in Taiwan's international profile.

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April 8, 2021, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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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, reaffirming
3 Indiana's commitment to strengthening and deepening of the
4 sister ties between Indiana and Taiwan, and continuing to
5 support an increase in Taiwan's international profile.

6 *Whereas, In 1979, The State of Indiana established a sister-*
7 *state relationship with Taiwan Province, the Republic of China*
8 *(Taiwan), and Indiana and Taiwan have enjoyed strong*
9 *bilateral trade, educational and cultural exchanges, and*
10 *tourism;*

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

14 *Whereas, The United States ranks as Taiwan's second-*
15 *largest trading partner, Taiwan is the tenth-largest trading*
16 *partner of the United States, and the bilateral trade reached*
17 *\$85.5 billion in 2019;*

18 *Whereas, Taiwan and the State of Indiana have enjoyed a*
19 *long and mutually beneficial relationship with the prospect of*

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1 *future growth, and Taiwan was Indiana's sixth-largest export*
2 *market in Asia in 2019, with \$199 million worth of Indiana*
3 *goods exported to Taiwan;*

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

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

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

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

27 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
28 to transmit copies of this Resolution to the members of the
29 Indiana Congressional Delegation and the Taipei Economic and
30 Cultural Office in Chicago, Illinois.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Public Policy, to which was referred Senate Resolution No. 17, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said resolution DO PASS.

(Reference is to SR 17 as introduced.)

ALTING, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0

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