

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_**

---

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION reaffirming the sister-state relationship between Taiwan and the State of Indiana and supporting Taiwan's efforts to secure entry to the Trans-Pacific Partnership and the signing of the Free Trade Agreement and Bilateral Investment Agreement with the U.S.

---

**WALTZ**

---

\_\_\_\_\_, read first time and referred to Committee on

---

---



Introduced

First Regular Session 119th General Assembly (2015)

## SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1           A SENATE RESOLUTION reaffirming the sister-state  
2 relationship between Taiwan and the State of Indiana and  
3 supporting Taiwan's efforts to secure entry to the Trans-Pacific  
4 Partnership and the signing of the Free Trade Agreement and  
5 Bilateral Investment Agreement with the U.S.

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

10           *Whereas, Taiwan, as a full-fledged democracy, shares the*  
11 *same values of freedom, democracy, human rights, rule of law,*  
12 *peace, and prosperity with the U.S. and the State of Indiana;*

13           *Whereas, The U.S. ranks as Taiwan's third largest trading*  
14 *partner, Taiwan is the twelfth largest trading partner of the*  
15 *U.S., and bilateral trade reached \$57.7 billion in 2013;*

16           *Whereas, Taiwan and the State of Indiana have enjoyed a*  
17 *long and mutually beneficial relationship with the prospect of*  
18 *future growth, and Taiwan was Indiana's fourth largest export*  
19 *market in Asia in 2013, with \$251 million worth of Indiana*

2015

RR 3516/DI js



1 goods exported to Taiwan, a 6.45% growth from 2012;

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

10       *Whereas, Taiwan, seeking greater regional economic*  
 11 *integration in the Asia-Pacific region and promotion of*  
 12 *bilateral investment and trade relations with the U.S.,*  
 13 *welcomes the opportunity presented by the United States'*  
 14 *announcement at the 2011 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation*  
 15 *leaders meeting, of the intent not only to join the Trans-Pacific*  
 16 *Partnership, but also to propose a 21<sup>st</sup> Century trade agreement*  
 17 *between the U.S. and eleven other Asia-Pacific Rim countries,*  
 18 *and to expand the Trans-Pacific Partnership membership in the*  
 19 *future to include other countries, such as Taiwan: Therefore,*

20                               *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*  
 21                               *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

22       SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate reaffirms its  
 23 commitment to strengthening the sister-state relationship  
 24 between Taiwan and the State of Indiana and continues to  
 25 support Taiwan's appropriate participation in international  
 26 organizations which positively impact the health, safety, and  
 27 well-being of the people of Taiwan.

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

