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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1           A SENATE RESOLUTION recognizing Taiwan's  
2           presidential election and their efforts to secure entry to the  
3           Trans-Pacific Partnership and the signing of a Bilateral  
4           Investment and Free Trade Agreement.

5           *Whereas, Since 1979, Indiana has fostered a sister-state*  
6           *relationship with Taiwan, which has been marked by bilateral*  
7           *trade, cultural and educational exchange, and tourism;*

8           *Whereas, Sharing the values of freedom and democracy*  
9           *with the United States and the State of Indiana, on January 16,*  
10          *2016, Taiwan held its sixth direct presidential election;*

11          *Whereas, Notably, the United States ranks as Taiwan's*  
12          *third largest trading partner; Taiwan ranks as the United*  
13          *States' tenth largest trading partner; and Taiwan ranked as*  
14          *Indiana's fifth largest export market in Asia in 2014, with 247*  
15          *million dollars worth of Indiana goods being exported to*  
16          *Taiwan in that year;*

17          *Whereas, To further its relationships and promote*  
18          *additional bilateral investment and trade with the United States*  
19          *and the State of Indiana, Taiwan applauds the United States'*



1     *announcement to expand the Trans-Pacific Partnership to*  
2     *include other countries, including Taiwan; and*

3             *Whereas, Taiwan also encourages additional negotiations*  
4     *for an eventual Bilateral Investment Agreement between*  
5     *Taiwan and the United States as another step to strengthen*  
6     *bilateral trade, which could pave the way for entering into a*  
7     *Free Trade Agreement: Therefore,*

8                     *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*  
9                     *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

10            SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate recognizes Taiwan's  
11            presidential election and their efforts to secure entry to the Trans-  
12            Pacific Partnership and the signing of a Bilateral Investment and Free  
13            Trade Agreement.

14            SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to  
15            transmit copies of this Resolution to the Taipei Economic and Cultural  
16            Office in Chicago and the members of Indiana's congressional  
17            delegation.

