

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6014

A RESOLUTION strengthening the sister-state ties between the State of Kansas and Taiwan, supporting the signing of a bilateral trade agreement between Taiwan and the United States and reaffirming support for increasing Taiwan's international participation.

WHEREAS, The State of Kansas and Taiwan entered into a sister-state relationship in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan shares many of the same values with Kansas, including freedom, democracy, the rule of law and respect for human rights; and

WHEREAS, In May 2020, Taiwan donated 100,000 surgical masks and 10,000 N95 masks to support Kansas medical workers on the frontlines, demonstrating Taiwan's solidarity with Kansas in the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, In August 2020, Taiwan lifted restrictions on the import of beef from U.S. cattle aged 30 months or older and pork fed with permissible Ractopamine feed, providing greater access to Taiwan's meat markets for Kansas' farmers and ranchers; and

WHEREAS, Kansas and Taiwan enjoy a mutually beneficial bilateral trade relationship, with Taiwan ranking as Kansas' 3<sup>rd</sup> largest import country and 10<sup>th</sup> largest export destination in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan sent an Agricultural Trade Goodwill Mission to Kansas in September 2019 for meat purchase, which has further promoted the bilateral trade relationship between Kansas and Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, Negotiations for a fair and reciprocal bilateral trade agreement between Taiwan and the United States is an important step toward further strengthening bilateral trade, which will increase Kansas' exports to Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan, as a responsible stakeholder in the international community, is seeking to meaningfully participate in the World Health Organization and International Civil Aviation Organization: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That Kansas praises Taiwan's vibrant democracy and celebrates the 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of its sister-state relations with Taiwan; and

*Be it further resolved:* That Kansas supports the signing of a bilateral trade agreement with Taiwan and welcomes even closer bilateral trade and investment ties; and

*Be it further resolved:* That Kansas supports Taiwan's appropriate participation in international organizations, which is significant to the health, safety and well-being of its people.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*