

**Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Thursday, January 3, 2019**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3032
(Representatives Vigesaa, Bellew, Devlin, D. Johnson, Keiser, Monson)
(Senators Holmberg, Klein, Wardner)

A concurrent resolution urging North Dakota to continue strengthening the sister-state ties between North Dakota and the people of the Republic of China (Taiwan); supporting the signing of a Bilateral Trade Agreement between the United States and Taiwan; and reaffirming support for increasing Taiwan's international profile.

WHEREAS, North Dakota and Taiwan entered a sister-state relationship in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan shares the same values of freedom, democracy, rule of law, and respect for human rights as North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota and Taiwan look forward to further promoting the relationship for mutual trade, education, and cultural benefits; and

WHEREAS, negotiations for a fair and reciprocal Bilateral Trade Agreement between Taiwan and the United States are an important step toward further strengthening bilateral trade, which will increase North Dakota's exports to Taiwan and promote bilateral investments; and

WHEREAS, 2019 marks the 40th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act, a United States public law, which built a strong foundation for the ties between the United States and Taiwan and assures the continuation of commercial, cultural, and other relations between the two; 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 NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly urges North Dakota to continue its endorsement and support of the relationship and shared interests between the people of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and North Dakota and celebrate the 33rd anniversary of sister-state relations; that the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly endorses the signing of a Bilateral Trade Agreement between Taiwan and the United States; and that the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly supports Taiwan's meaningful participation in international organizations that support the health, safety, and well-being of the people of Taiwan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the United States Secretary of State, Secretary General of the International Civil Aviation Organization, United States Secretary of Transportation, Governor of the Taiwan Provincial Government, and Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Denver, Colorado.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2019,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State