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1 A concurrent resolution urging North Dakota to continue its endorsement and support of the
2 relationship and shared interests between the people of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the
3 State of North Dakota.

4 **WHEREAS**, in the first 10 months of 2014, bilateral trade reached \$56.4 billion, which
5 makes Taiwan the 10th largest trading partner of the United States, while the United States is
6 Taiwan's second largest trading partner and largest single source of foreign direct investment;
7 and

8 **WHEREAS**, the United States was the largest source of foreign direct investment in Taiwan,
9 cumulatively investing \$23 billion as of January 2014; and

10 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota maintains and values its relationship with Taiwan; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan was the 14th largest import partner of North Dakota in 2013; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Agricultural Trade Goodwill Mission from Taiwan visited North Dakota on
13 September 11, 2013, and signed a letter of intent with the North Dakota Wheat Commission,
14 expressing its intent to purchase a total of 1.7 million megatons of wheat in 2014 and 2015, the
15 value of this purchase is estimated to be \$484.5 million; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Governor Jack Dalrymple remarked that Taiwan has been one of North
17 Dakota's most dependable markets for hard spring wheat; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan and the United States resumed negotiations under the Trade and
19 Investment Framework Agreement in March 2013, after a five-year hiatus, and held the eighth
20 round of negotiations in April 2014; and

21 **WHEREAS**, a Bilateral Investment Agreement would give investors in both economies
22 greater assurance that the capital they are putting at risk in each others market will be
23 adequately protected; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the United States has already concluded, or is seeking to negotiate, Bilateral
2 Investment Agreements with 9 of its top 10 trading partners, and Taiwan is the sole exception;
3 and

4 **WHEREAS**, opening negotiations for a Bilateral Investment Agreement between the United
5 States and Taiwan will provide more stability for strong two-way investment ties; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan hopes to work, via regional economic bodies, to further develop
7 bilateral and multilateral trade with the United States and other nations in the Asia-Pacific
8 region, seeking to join the United States led Trans-Pacific Partnership; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in early October 2013, the former Vice President of Taiwan, Vincent C. Siew,
10 engaged in bilateral discussions with the United States Secretary of State, John F. Kerry,
11 regarding in-depth exchange of opinions on economic and trade cooperation between Taiwan
12 and the United States, as well as Taiwan's future participation in the Trans-Pacific Partnership;
13 and

14 **WHEREAS**, civil aviation plays a pivotal role in promoting cultural exchange, business,
15 trade, and tourism; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the development of international civil aviation in a safe and orderly manner is
17 the ultimate objective of the International Civil Aviation Organization; and

18 **WHEREAS**, without Taiwan's participation, international flight plans, regulations and
19 procedures that the International Civil Aviation Organization formulates will be incomplete and
20 unsafe; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan's airspace accommodates 14 international flight routes, and Taiwan's
22 air traffic controllers help direct 1.3 million international flights through Taiwan's airspace per
23 year; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Roberto Kobeh Gonzalez, President of the International Civil Aviation
25 Organization, sent a letter to Ms. Shen Chi, Director General of the Civil Aeronautics
26 Administration, inviting her to lead a delegation to the 38th Session of the Assembly of the
27 International Civil Aviation Organization to be convened September 24 to October 4, 2013, in
28 Montreal, Canada, as his guests under the name "Chinese Taipei"; and

29 **WHEREAS**, the United States Department of State spokesperson, Jen Psaki, and the
30 United States Secretary of Transportation, Anthony Foxx, have both expressed their support for
31 this development;

1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE**
2 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

3 That the Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly urges North Dakota to continue its
4 endorsement and support of the relationship and shared interests between the people of the
5 Republic of China (Taiwan) and the State of North Dakota; that the Sixty-fourth Legislative
6 Assembly welcomes the resumption of Trade and Investment Framework Agreement talks
7 between the United States and Taiwan and expresses support for Taiwan's effort to secure
8 entry into the Trans-Pacific Partnership along with the United States and other friendly
9 Asia-Pacific Rim countries, as well as expressing support of the signing of the Bilateral
10 Investment Agreement with the United States; that the Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly
11 endorses Taiwan's meaningful participation in the International Civil Aviation Organization as
12 an observer.

13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution
14 to United States Secretary of State, John F. Kerry; Secretary General of the International Civil
15 Aviation Organization, Mr. Raymond Benjamin; United States Secretary of Transportation,
16 Mr. Anthony Foxx; Governor of the Taiwan Provincial Government, Mr. Junq-Tzer Lin; and
17 Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Kansas City, Mr. Jiu-Chung
18 Yang.