

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE
4 RESOLUTION 64

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution congratulating President-elect Ing-Wen
8 Tsai for her election; encouraging closer economic
9 relationships between Taiwan and the United States;
10 celebrating the 36th anniversary of the sister-state
11 relationship between Oklahoma and Taiwan; commending
12 Mr. Louis M. Huang for his efforts toward enhancing
13 cooperation between Taiwan and Oklahoma; and
14 directing distribution.

15 WHEREAS, the United States and Taiwan engage in robust bilateral
16 trade. Taiwan is the 9th largest U.S. trading partner, the largest
17 per capita importer of U.S. agricultural products and Oklahoma's 9th
18 largest trading partner in Asia. The transportation, computer and
19 electronics industries as well as many other sectors important to
20 the Oklahoma economy are poised to benefit from an economic
21 partnership with Taiwan; and

22 WHEREAS, agribusiness continues to be one of the leading
23 industries in Oklahoma, and Taiwan is a leading importer of U.S.
24 agricultural goods, dispatching agricultural procurement missions to
the U.S. to sign multi-billion dollar supply deals every two years;
and

1 WHEREAS, Taiwan remains a beacon of democracy and the only full-
2 fledged democracy in the Chinese-speaking world, and a general
3 election in Taiwan was held on January 16, 2016, in which Dr. Ing-
4 Wen Tsai, the chairwoman of the Democratic Progressive Party, was
5 elected as the first female President; and

6 WHEREAS, the United States and the State of Oklahoma will
7 benefit from closer economic relationships with Taiwan by
8 negotiating a free-trade agreement (FTA) and a bilateral investment
9 agreement (BIA) and by the U.S. support of Taiwan's membership in
10 the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP); and

11 WHEREAS, the Business Roundtable's study shows that 54 percent
12 of Oklahoma goods exported to the world went to America's FTA
13 partners in 2015; international trade supported more than 401,000 of
14 Oklahoma's jobs in 2014 and an estimated 160,000 of those jobs
15 depended on trade with the 11 other countries that are party to the
16 TPP.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
18 OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

19 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate presents heartfelt
20 congratulations to President-elect Ing-Wen Tsai on her election, and
21 expresses its admiration of the Taiwanese people for showing their
22 commitment to democracy.

23 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate encourages closer economic
24 relationships between Taiwan and the United States by negotiating an

1 FTA and a BIA between Taiwan and the United States and supports
2 Taiwan's membership in the TPP.

3 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate celebrates the 36th anniversary
4 of the sister-state relationship between Oklahoma and Taiwan and the
5 35th anniversary of the sister-city relationship between Taipei and
6 Oklahoma City.

7 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends Mr. Louis M. Huang,
8 Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in
9 Houston, for efforts and contributions toward enhancing cooperation
10 between Taiwan and Oklahoma.

11 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Mr. Louis M.
12 Huang, Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office
13 in Houston, Texas.

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