

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE
4 RESOLUTION 72

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution congratulating President Tsai Ing-Wen
8 for her inauguration on May 20th, 2016; encouraging
9 closer economic relationships between Taiwan and the
10 United States; celebrating the 36th anniversary of
11 the sister-state relationship between Oklahoma and
12 Taiwan; commending Mr. Louis M. Huang for his work to
13 enhance 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 ninth largest U.S. trading partner, the
17 largest per capita importer of U.S. agricultural products and
18 Oklahoma's ninth largest trading partner in Asia. The
19 transportation, computer and electronics industries, as well as many
20 other sectors important to the Oklahoma economy, are poised to
21 benefit from an economic 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 was held in Taiwan on January 16, 2016, in which Dr. Tsai
4 Ing-Wen, the chairwoman of the Democratic Progressive Party, was
5 elected as the first female President and inaugurated on May 20,
6 2016; and

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

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

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

20 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate presents heartfelt
21 congratulations to President Tsai Ing-Wen for her inauguration on
22 May 20, 2016.

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 Taiwan and Oklahoma 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, for his
9 work to enhance cooperation between Taiwan and Oklahoma.

10 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Taiwan
11 President Tsai Ing-Wen and to Mr. Louis M. Huang, Director General
12 of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Houston, Texas.

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