



2021 South Dakota Legislature
House Concurrent Resolution
6004
ENROLLED

AN ACT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Celebrating the sister-state relationship with Taiwan.

WHEREAS, South Dakota and Taiwan have been in a sister-state relationship since 1984; and

WHEREAS, South Dakota and Taiwan continue to share the same values regarding freedom, democracy, the rule of law, and respect for human rights; and

WHEREAS, in May 2020, Taiwan donated 50,000 surgical masks in support of South Dakota's frontline medical workers, thereby demonstrating its willingness to stand with South Dakota during the global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, in August 2020, Taiwan provided South Dakota's farmers and ranchers with increased access to markets by lifting restrictions on the importation of beef from cattle at least thirty months of age and on the importation of pork having acceptable levels of ractopamine; and

WHEREAS, in September 2019, Taiwan promoted its bilateral trade relationship with South Dakota by sending an agricultural trade mission that purchased more than \$576 million of wheat; and

WHEREAS, South Dakota and Taiwan have enjoyed a mutually beneficial bilateral trade relationship in which Taiwan ranks as South Dakota's seventh largest importer country, with anticipation for continued growth; 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 and thereby increasing South Dakota's exports to Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan, as a responsible stakeholder in the international community, is seeking to meaningfully participate in protecting health and to meaningfully participate in the International Civil Aviation Organization:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Sixth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that South Dakota praises Taiwan's vibrant democracy; supports the signing of a Bilateral Trade Agreement with Taiwan; welcomes the promise of even closer trade and investment ties; supports Taiwan's participation in international organizations that are significant to the health, safety, and well-being of its people; and heartily celebrates the thirty-seventh anniversary of its sister-state relationship with Taiwan.

Adopted by the House of Representatives,
Concurred in by the Senate,

February 3, 2021
February 16, 2021

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Speaker of the House

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