

State of Vermont Senate Chamber



Montpelier, Vermont

Senate Resolution

By Senators Kitchel, Cummings and Westman,

S.R. 7. Senate resolution reaffirming the friendship between Vermont and the Republic of China (Taiwan) and supporting enhanced United States–Taiwan bilateral relations and Taiwan’s role in the international community.

Whereas, the United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan) share a vibrant bilateral relationship marked by a mutually beneficial partnership, supported by our common values of freedom, democracy, the rule of law, and a free market economy, and

Whereas, the United States is Taiwan’s second-largest trading partner; Taiwan is the tenth-largest goods trading partner of the United States; and bilateral trade in goods and services between the United States and Taiwan totaled approximately \$103.9 billion in 2019, and

Whereas, President Tsai Ing-wen has expressed Taiwan’s desire to reach a Bilateral Trade Agreement with the United States that will benefit the Vermont–Taiwan trade relationship, and

Whereas, Vermont and Taiwan have enjoyed vibrant bilateral relations that include: Taiwan being Vermont’s second-largest export market and in 2019 its largest Asian export market; the establishment of a driver’s license reciprocity agreement between Vermont and Taiwan; and Taiwan’s donation of 44,000 surgical masks to Vermont to help combat COVID-19, and

Whereas, Taiwan can be a vital partner on issues related to public health, criminal justice, aviation safety, and climate change, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate:

That the Senate of the State of Vermont reaffirms the friendship between Vermont and the Republic of China (Taiwan) and supports enhanced United States–Taiwan bilateral relations and Taiwan’s role in the international community, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of Senate be directed to send a copy of this resolution to President Joseph R. Biden, Governor Philip B. Scott, the Vermont Congressional Delegation, President Tsai Ing-wen of the Republic of China (Taiwan), and Jonathan Sun, Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Boston.