

SENATE RESOLUTION

8645

By Senators Salomon, Wagoner, Holy, Valdez, Lovick, Van De Wege, C. Wilson, Nguyen, Short, Lovelett, Mullet, Shewmake, Braun, Boehnke, Gildon, Dozier, Hawkins, Torres, Pedersen, Cleveland, Rolfes, Kuderer, Schoesler, and King

1 WHEREAS, The United States and Taiwan are bonded by their shared
2 commitment to democracy, human rights, the rule of law, and a free
3 market economy; and

4 WHEREAS, Taiwan is the 8th largest trading partner of the United
5 States, with bilateral trade totaling \$114,000,000,000 in 2021, while
6 both sides welcomed the resumption of high-level trade engagement and
7 expressed a desire to work closely together; and

8 WHEREAS, In 2021, the total trade between Washington State and
9 Taiwan exceeded approximately \$3,500,000,000 worth of products,
10 making Taiwan the 7th largest trading partner for the state, and both
11 sides are committed to strengthening bilateral economic ties; and

12 WHEREAS, Taiwan is the 6th largest export destination for United
13 States agricultural goods, and has ranked among the top three
14 importers of Washington poultry, potatoes, and beef; and

15 WHEREAS, Taiwanese companies which invest in Washington State,
16 including WaferTech, Eva Air, Evergreen Marine, Yang Mine Marine
17 Transport, and Lightel Technologies, and etc., have helped to create
18 more than 15,000 jobs in this state; and

19 WHEREAS, The United States Congress passed the landmark Taiwan
20 Relation Act (TRA) in 1979 to sustain a close, bilateral relationship
21 as well as to advance mutual security and commercial interests
22 between the United States and Taiwan; and

1 WHEREAS, Based on the principles of the United States-Taiwan
2 Education Initiative in 2020, Taiwan has intentions to further
3 collaborate with the State of Washington on education, cultural,
4 and tourism exchanges by signing memorandum of understandings to
5 promote bilingual learning environments of both sides; and

6 WHEREAS, The United States has assisted Taiwan in
7 participating in the World Health Organization (WHO), the
8 International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), and the
9 International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), and will
10 continue to support Taiwan's meaningful participation in these
11 and other international organizations;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

13 (1) That Washington State recognizes the importance of a
14 strong and enduring partnership with Taiwan; and

15 (2) That Washington State reiterates its support for a
16 closer economic and trade partnership between the United States
17 and Taiwan; and

18 (3) That Washington State supports Taiwan's participation in
19 international organizations that impact the global trade,
20 health, safety, and well-being of the 23,000,000 people in
21 Taiwan.

22 I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate,
23 do hereby certify that this is a true and
24 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8645,
25 adopted by the Senate
26 April 19, 2023

27 SARAH BANNISTER
28 Secretary of the Senate