

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senators Wagoner, Braun, Dhingra, Dozier, Gildon, Hasegawa, Holy, Honeyford, Keiser, King, Muzzall, and Schoesler

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

4 WHEREAS, Taiwan is the 9th largest trading partner of the United
5 States, with bilateral trade totaling \$90.6 billion in 2020, 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 2020, Washington State exported approximately \$1.36
9 billion worth of products to Taiwan, making Taiwan the 5th largest
10 export market for the State in Asia, and both sides are committed to
11 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 that 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, and
4 tourism exchanges by signing memorandums of understanding to promote
5 a bilingual learning environment for both sides; and

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

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

12 (1) That the Washington State Senate recognize the importance of
13 a strong and enduring relationship with the people of Taiwan; and

14 (2) That the Washington State Senate reiterate its support for a
15 closer economic and trade relationship between the United States and
16 the people of Taiwan; and

17 (3) That the Washington State Senate support Taiwan's
18 participation in international organizations that impact the global
19 trade, health, safety, and the well-being of the twenty-three million
20 people in Taiwan.

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