

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6013

A RESOLUTION strengthening the sister-state ties between the State of Kansas and Taiwan; supporting the signing of a Bilateral Trade Agreement between Taiwan and the United States; and reaffirming support for increasing Taiwan's international profile.

WHEREAS, The State of Kansas and Taiwan entered into a sister-state relationship in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan shares the same values as Kansas regarding freedom, democracy, the rule of law, and respect for human rights; and

WHEREAS, Kansas and Taiwan have enjoyed a mutually beneficial relationship, with Taiwan ranking as Kansas' 3<sup>rd</sup> largest import source and 12<sup>th</sup> largest export destination in 2017; 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, thereby increasing Kansas' exports to Taiwan and promoting two-way investments; and

WHEREAS, 2019 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act, a U.S. public law, which built a strong foundation for U.S.-Taiwan ties and assured the continuation of commercial, cultural, and other relations between the two sides; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan, as a responsible stakeholder in the international community, is seeking to meaningfully participate in the World Health Organization and International Civil Aviation Organization: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That we affirm the importance of the Taiwan Relations Act and support Taiwan's mature and vibrant democracy. We celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Kansas' sister-state relations with Taiwan and welcome even stronger bilateral trade and investment ties. Finally, we support Taiwan's appropriate participation in international organizations, which impacts the health, safety, and well-being of its people.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*