

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6050

A RESOLUTION strengthening the sister-state relations between the State of Kansas and the Republic of China (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 long and mutually beneficial relationship and anticipate continually growing that relationship, with Taiwan ranking as Kansas' 3rd largest import country and 12th largest export destination in 2016; 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, Kansas and Taiwan signed a memorandum of understanding on the mutual recognition and exchange of drivers' licenses in September 2017, which provides more convenience for people from both Kansas and Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan, as a responsible stakeholder and contributor in the international community, is seeking to meaningfully participate in the World Health Organization (WHO), International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), and International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL): Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:

(1) That Kansas praises Taiwan's mature and vital democracy and celebrates the 29th anniversary of sister-state relations with Taiwan; and

(2) that Kansas supports the signing of a Bilateral Trade Agreement between the United States and Taiwan and welcomes even closer bilateral trade and investment ties; and

(3) that Kansas supports 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

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.