

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6014

A RESOLUTION recognizing the 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary of sister-state relations between the State of Kansas and Taiwan, strengthening and expanding sister-state ties between Kansas and Taiwan, supporting the signing of a free trade agreement (FTA) and bilateral investment agreement (BIA) between Taiwan and the United States and reaffirming support for increasing Taiwan's international profile.

WHEREAS, On November 14, 1989, the State of Kansas and Taiwan entered into a sister-state relationship of enduring friendship and international cooperation; and

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

WHEREAS, The bonds of true friendship and mutually beneficial trade partnership between the State of Kansas and Taiwan have been strengthened, resulting in strong economic, social, tourism and cultural exchanges; and

WHEREAS, Negotiations for a BIA between Taiwan and the United States are an important step toward further strengthening bilateral trade and paving the way for entering into a FTA between our countries, thereby increasing Kansas' exports to Taiwan and further promoting bilateral investment; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan, as a responsible stakeholder in the international community, is seeking to meaningfully participate in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL): Now, therefore,

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

(1) That Kansas supports Taiwan's mature and vital democracy, and celebrates the 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary of sister-state relations;

(2) that Kansas endorses the signing of a bilateral investment agreement and free trade agreement between Taiwan and the United States; and

(3) that Kansas continues to 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.*