

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE, RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF A STRONG
3 AND ENDURING PARTNERSHIP WITH TAIWAN, AND SUPPORTING TAIWAN'S MEANING-
4 FULL PARTICIPATION IN IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING
5 ORGANIZATIONS THAT ADDRESS GLOBAL HEALTH, CIVILIAN AIR SAFETY, AND
6 TRANSNATIONAL CRIME, AND TAIWAN'S PARTICIPATION IN BILATERAL AND MUL-
7 TILATERAL SECURITY SUMMITS, MILITARY EXERCISES, AND ECONOMIC DIALOGUES
8 AND FORUMS.

9 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

10 WHEREAS, the United States and Taiwan are bonded by their shared com-
11 mitment to democracy, freedom, human rights, the rule of law, and the market
12 economy; and

13 WHEREAS, trade between the United States and Taiwan contributes mean-
14 ingfully to our mutual economic growth. Taiwan is the eighth largest trading
15 partner of the United States, with bilateral trade totaling \$113.9 billion
16 in 2021, while both sides welcomed the launch of the U.S.-Taiwan Initiative
17 on 21st-Century Trade to further develop economic ties and facilitate trade;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Taiwan is the seventh largest export market overall for United
20 States agricultural products, valued at more than \$3.8 billion in 2021, a
21 17.5 percent increase from 2020(\$3.3 billion), and sixth largest export
22 market for United States beef and beef products in 2021, with a record \$667
23 million going to Taiwan, according to the United States International Trade
24 Commission and the United States Foreign Agricultural Service; and

25 WHEREAS, Taiwan and Idaho maintain and cherish a longstanding friend-
26 ship since the Sister State relationship was established in 1984. The es-
27 tablishment of the Idaho-Asia Trade Office in Taiwan in 1988 also marked suc-
28 cessful expansion of bilateral trade and promotion of the partnerships be-
29 tween private and public sectors from both sides, thus creating mutual eco-
30 nomic opportunities and prosperity for both states; and

31 WHEREAS, in 2022, Taiwan became Idaho's top import source for the sec-
32 ond time and second largest export destination for a sixth time since 2017,
33 remaining the overall second largest trading partner of Idaho, with a total
34 trade value of \$3.15 billion covering commodity goods from electrical equip-
35 ment and machinery, chemicals, optical and medical equipment, and agricul-
36 tural products; and

37 WHEREAS, there have been several memoranda of understandings signed be-
38 tween Taiwan and Idaho, such as the Memorandum of Education Cooperation in
39 2018, a Letter of Intent in 2022 promising that Taiwan millers purchase \$576
40 million worth of United States wheat from 2022 through 2023, and the Memoran-
41 dum of Understanding on Industrial Cooperation signed during Governor Brad
42 Little's trade mission to Taiwan in December 2022, showing that both Tai-
43 wan and Idaho are dedicated to fortifying bilateral ties by cooperating and

1 exploring opportunities on educational, technological, cultural, and eco-
2 nomic exchanges; and

3 WHEREAS, The People's Liberation Army of China has engaged in deeply
4 concerning military activities in Taiwanese waters and airspace that
5 threaten regional and global stability and security; and

6 WHEREAS, Chinese President Xi Jinping is leading the People's Republic
7 of China toward aggressive totalitarian rule, and has indicated through his
8 rhetoric and actions his openness to forceful reunification of Taiwan with
9 mainland China, which contravenes the Chinese government's obligations un-
10 der international law and a rule-based order; and

11 WHEREAS, the United States has supported Taiwan's participation in the
12 World Health Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization,
13 and the International Criminal Police Organization, and will continue to
14 support Taiwan's meaningful participation in these and other international
15 organizations; and

16 WHEREAS, Idaho welcomes all opportunities for an even closer economic,
17 educational, and cultural relationship with Taiwan, including through
18 increased trade and investment through bilateral free and fair trade agree-
19 ments, Taiwan's participation in the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for
20 Prosperity, more cooperation under the Global Cooperation and Training
21 Framework, and capacity-building programs for regional experts in the areas
22 of public health, empowerment of women, energy efficiency, and e-commerce.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Ses-
24 sion of the Sixty-seventh Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives
25 and the Senate concurring therein, that the State of Idaho recognizes the im-
26 portance of a strong and enduring partnership with Taiwan. Idaho condemns
27 the Chinese government's military escalations toward Taiwan and reaffirms
28 the United States government's commitment to a strong and deepening rela-
29 tionship with the people of Taiwan. Idaho welcomes periodic trade talks un-
30 der the U.S.-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade or related agreements
31 in the interest of free and fair trade. Idaho supports Taiwan's meaning-
32 ful participation in important international organizations, including or-
33 ganizations that address global health, civilian air safety, and transna-
34 tional crime, and Taiwan's participation in bilateral and multilateral se-
35 curity summits, military exercises, and economic dialogues and forums.