

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 46

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND REAFFIRMING THE STATE OF IDAHO'S COMMITMENT TO THE STRONG AND DEEPENING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF IDAHO AND TAIWAN.

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

WHEREAS, the state of Idaho has a strong and vibrant economic relationship with the Republic of China (Taiwan); and

WHEREAS, the state of Idaho and Taiwan have enjoyed a long and mutually beneficial relationship with the prospect of further growth, and that Taiwan was Idaho's 4th largest export destination in 2008; and

WHEREAS, the trade volume from the state of Idaho to Taiwan totaled \$346.6 million, with major products including semiconductors, computers and capital equipment, food and agriculture and wood and building materials; and

WHEREAS, direct and unobstructed participation in the United States specialized agencies, programs and convention is crucial for all parts of the world, especially with today's greater potential for the cross-border cooperation; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is one of the leading economies in the world; and

WHEREAS, Taipei Flight Information Region (FIR) is pivotal in the Asia Pacific region and controls 1.35 million flights with 35 million passengers using Taiwan's airports every year, as well as aviation security from terrorist boardings, safety and convenience are in line with the common interests of people from across the Taiwan Strait as well as the entire world; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of Taiwan into the global community will help Taiwan contribute more significantly to the international community, but also benefit the state of Idaho.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Sixtieth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, that we reaffirm our commitment to the strong and deepening relationship between the State of Idaho and Taiwan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Idaho supports Taiwan's meaningful participation in the international aviation organizations promoting safe and secure travel.