

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 3

BY COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

A HOUSE RESOLUTION

1
2 STATING FINDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF IDAHO AND
3 REAFFIRMING THE STRONG RELATIONSHIP AND FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE
4 OF IDAHO AND THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA, TAIWAN, RECOGNIZING TAIWAN'S CON-
5 TRIBUTION TO GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH SECURITY, ENCOURAGING THE OFFICE OF
6 THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE TO PROCESS THE BILATERAL TRADE
7 AGREEMENT WITH TAIWAN, AND SUPPORTING TAIWAN'S CONTINUED INTERNATIONAL
8 PARTICIPATION.

9 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Idaho:

10 WHEREAS, the Republic of China, Taiwan, and the State of Idaho estab-
11 lished a close sister statehood in 1984 and have fostered close relations
12 through bilateral trade and shared the common value of democracy, human
13 rights, and rule of law of the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, Taiwan remained the second-largest export market of Idaho
15 goods, with an estimated \$499 million in sales and became the largest import
16 partner of Idaho in 2019; and

17 WHEREAS, following the United States Congress passing the Taiwan Travel
18 Act in 2018 to enhance mutual governmental visits, the United States Con-
19 gress passed Taiwan Allies International Protection and Enhancement Initia-
20 tive Act in 2019 to encourage the United States administration to assist Tai-
21 wan's meaningful participation in appropriate international organizations;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, during the pandemic of the novel coronavirus in 2020, Taiwan
24 contributed by donating tens of millions of surgical masks all over the
25 world, 100,000 of which were received for Idaho's frontline responders; and

26 WHEREAS, Idaho recognizes Taiwan's contribution to share its experi-
27 ence fighting against the pandemic under the spirit of humanitarian assis-
28 tance and reaffirms to welcome all opportunities for an even closer economic
29 and cultural relationship with Taiwan, including achieving a bilateral free
30 and fair trade agreement; and

31 WHEREAS, Taiwan President Tsai Ing-Wen announced that the restriction
32 on importation of United States beef over 30 months of age and United States
33 pork containing ractopamine would be lifted effective on January 1, 2021,
34 representing Taiwan's effort to eliminate trade barriers.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the House of Represen-
36 tatives, assembled in the First Regular Session of the Sixty-sixth Idaho
37 Legislature, that the Idaho House of Representatives reaffirms the strong
38 relationship and friendship between the State of Idaho and the Republic of
39 China, Taiwan, recognizes Taiwan's contribution to global public health
40 security, encourages the Office of the United States Trade Representative
41 to process the Bilateral Trade Agreement with Taiwan, and supports Taiwan's
42 continued international participation.