

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND DECLARING IDAHO'S SUPPORT OF ITS PARTNERSHIP WITH TAIWAN, TRADE PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND TAIWAN, AND TAIWAN'S PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

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

WHEREAS, the United States and Taiwan are bonded by their shared commitment to democracy, freedom, human rights, the rule of law, and the market economy; and

WHEREAS, trade between the United States and Taiwan contributes meaningfully to their mutual economic growth; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is the eighth largest trading partner of the United States and the eighth largest export destination for United States agricultural goods, with bilateral trade totaling \$127.5 billion in 2023; and

WHEREAS, the United States and Taiwan welcome the resumption of high-level trade engagement and the desire to work closely together; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, Taiwan was Idaho's second largest import and export trading partner, and Taiwan has remained the second largest export destination for seven years since 2017, and the overall second largest trading partner of Idaho, with a total trade value of \$1.33 billion covering commodity goods from electrical equipment and machinery, chemicals, optical and medical equipment, and agricultural products; and

WHEREAS, other important events in the relationship between Idaho and Taiwan include the establishment of a sister-state relationship in 1984, the establishment of the Idaho-Asia Trade Office in Taiwan in 1988, a driver's license reciprocity agreement in 2014, a letter of intent between the Idaho Wheat Commission and the Taiwan Flour Mills Association signed in 2022, and a Memorandum of Understanding celebrating 40 years of friendship between the State of Idaho and Taiwan signed in 2024; and

WHEREAS, these events reflect the growing exchanges and interdependence between the civil and official levels of Idaho and Taiwan, inspiring and creating additional economic opportunities and prosperities; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed the landmark Taiwan Relation Act in 1979 to sustain a close, bilateral relationship as well as to advance mutual security and commercial interests between the United States and Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, the United States has assisted Taiwan in participating in the International Civil Aviation Organization and the International Criminal Police Organization and will continue to support Taiwan's meaningful participation in these and other international organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, that:

1           (1) The State of Idaho recognizes the importance of the strong, endur-  
2 ing, and democratic partnership between Idaho and Taiwan;

3           (2) The State of Idaho reiterates its support for a closer economic and  
4 trade partnership between the United States and Taiwan, including support  
5 for a United States-Taiwan Bilateral Trade Agreement, continued affirmation  
6 of the United States-Taiwan Initiative on 21st Century Trade, and a reso-  
7 lution of the ongoing dialogue related to the Agreement of Double Taxation  
8 Avoidance; and

9           (3) The State of Idaho supports Taiwan's participation in interna-  
10 tional organizations that impact the global trade, health, safety, and  
11 well-being of the 23 million people in Taiwan.