

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senator Honeyford

1 WHEREAS, The United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan) are
2 bonded by their shared commitment to democracy, human rights, the
3 rule of law, and a free market economy; and

4 WHEREAS, Taiwan is the 10th largest trading partner of the United
5 States, with bilateral trade totaling \$85.5 billion in 2019; and

6 WHEREAS, In 2019, Washington State exported approximately \$1.8
7 billion worth of products to Taiwan, making Taiwan the 4th largest
8 export market for the state in Asia, and both sides are committed to
9 strengthening bilateral economic ties; and

10 WHEREAS, Taiwan is the 6th largest export destination for United
11 States agricultural goods, and has ranked among the top three
12 importers of Washington apples, beef, and wheat; and

13 WHEREAS, Taiwanese companies that invest in the Washington State,
14 including WaferTech, Eva Air, Evergreen Marine, Yang Mine Marine
15 Transport, and Lightel Technologies, and others, have helped to
16 create more than 15,000 jobs in this state; and

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

21 WHEREAS, The Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) has
22 expressed its wish to sign a Bilateral Trade Agreement with the
23 United States, and such an agreement will ease the burden of

1 companies conducting cross-border business, facilitate legal
2 harmonization in the areas of digital trade, intellectual property
3 protection, and technical barriers to trade, as well as help
4 Washington State's industries gain better market access to Taiwan;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The United States has assisted Taiwan in participating
7 in the World Health Organization, the International Civil Aviation
8 Organization, and the International Criminal Police Organization, and
9 will continue to support Taiwan's meaningful participation in these
10 and other international organizations;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

12 (1) That the Washington State Senate recognize the importance of
13 a strong and enduring partnership with Taiwan;

14 (2) That the Washington State Senate reiterate its support for a
15 closer economic and trade partnership between the United States and
16 Taiwan, including the signing of the United States-Taiwan Bilateral
17 Trade Agreement; and

18 (3) That the Washington State Senate support Taiwan's
19 participation in international organizations that impact global
20 trade, health, safety, and the well-being of the 23,000,000 people in
21 Taiwan.

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