

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senators Honeyford, Braun, Brown, Dhingra, Ericksen, Fortunato, King, Lovelett, Mullet, Muzzall, Rivers, Salomon, Schoesler, Wilson, J., Wagoner, and Warnick

1 WHEREAS, The State of Washington and the Republic of China
2 (Taiwan) are bonded by their shared commitment to democracy, human
3 rights, the 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

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

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

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

20 WHEREAS, Taiwan has a strong economy and dedication to democratic
21 freedoms for its people; and

22 WHEREAS, The United States has assisted Taiwan in participating
23 in the World Health Organization, the International Civil Aviation

1 Organization, and the International Criminal Police Organization, and
2 are likely to continue to support Taiwan's meaningful participation
3 in these and other international organizations; and

4 WHEREAS, Taiwan is one of the world's biggest suppliers of
5 medical-grade masks and one of the few places to have successfully
6 battled back COVID-19; and

7 WHEREAS, The people of Taiwan generously donated more than
8 2,000,000 medical face masks to the United States in the early days
9 of the pandemic, including 100,000 masks for use by medical
10 personnel, first responders, and election staff workers, which were
11 delivered to the State of Washington on behalf of the Taiwanese
12 government, and received by Washington Secretary of State Kim Wyman
13 on May 8th; and

14 WHEREAS, The Washingtonians recognize the importance of a strong
15 and enduring partnership with Taiwan;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

17 That the Washington State Senate honor the historic trade
18 partnership and continued cooperative relationship with Taiwan, and
19 the enduring mutual appreciation and affection of our peoples.

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