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Introduction
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1.1 A Senate resolution
1.2 reaffirming its commitment to the strengthening and deepening of the sister ties between
1.3 the State of Minnesota and Taiwan; reaffirming its support for the Taiwan Relations
1.4 Act by urging all enterprises in Minnesota to refer to Taiwan as Taiwan; supporting
1.5 Taiwan's signing of a bilateral trade agreement, the avoidance of double taxation
1.6 agreement, and the Indo-Pacific economic framework for prosperity with the United
1.7 States; and reiterating continued support for increasing Taiwan's international profile.

1.8 WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota established a sister-state relationship with Taiwan in
1.9 1984 and Minnesota and Taiwan have enjoyed strong bilateral trade, educational and cultural
1.10 exchanges, and tourism; and

1.11 WHEREAS, Taiwan shares the same values of freedom, democracy, human rights, following
1.12 the rule of law, peace, and prosperity as the United States and the State of Minnesota; and

1.13 WHEREAS, the United States ranks as Taiwan's second-largest trading partner. Taiwan is
1.14 the eighth-largest trading partner of the United States, and bilateral trade reached more than \$185.7
1.15 billion in 2024; and

1.16 WHEREAS, from 2021 to 2024, United States-Taiwan trade grew by 62 percent, reaching
1.17 \$158.6 billion, with Taiwan's direct investment in the United States totaling \$14.1 billion, bolstering
1.18 supply chain resilience, industrial cooperation, innovation, and talent exchange; and

1.19 WHEREAS, Taiwan imported \$8.46 billion worth of United States farm products between
1.20 2021 and 2024, making it the ninth-largest market for United States soybeans and corn, benefiting
1.21 Minnesota farmers; and

1.22 WHEREAS, witnessed by Governor Tim Walz, Taiwan sent an agriculture goodwill trade
1.23 mission to Minnesota in September 2022, followed by another agriculture goodwill trade mission
1.24 to the United States in September 2025, and made commitments to purchase soybeans and corn
1.25 worth up to \$9.6 billion in total, some from the state of Minnesota; and

2.1 WHEREAS, due to its high-quality produce, the United States remains one of Taiwan's largest
2.2 sources of agricultural products, supplying more than one-fifth of the country's major agricultural
2.3 imports; and

2.4 WHEREAS, President Lai Ching-te announced that Taiwanese businesses plan to increase
2.5 purchases of these agricultural commodities to \$10 billion between 2025 and 2028, an 18 percent
2.6 rise, helping reduce the United States trade deficit and mitigate risks from global trade disruptions;
2.7 and

2.8 WHEREAS, Taiwan pursues integrated, values-based, and allies-focused diplomacy and
2.9 contributes to humanitarian aid, medical assistance, disaster relief, and global public health; and

2.10 WHEREAS, Taiwan has committed to strengthening its defense, with its military budget
2.11 projected to reach 3.32 percent of gross domestic product next year and a goal of five percent by
2.12 2030; and

2.13 WHEREAS, Taiwan promotes the "Strategic Three Chains": the Democratic Value Chain
2.14 grounded in freedom, human rights, and rule of law; the Non-Red Supply Chain reducing
2.15 authoritarian dependence; and the First Island Chain linking South Korea, Japan, Taiwan, and the
2.16 Philippines as a barrier to authoritarian expansion to ensure peace, prosperity, and security in the
2.17 Indo-Pacific; and

2.18 WHEREAS, Taiwan and the state of Minnesota have enjoyed a long and mutually beneficial
2.19 relationship with the prospect of future growth, and Taiwan was Minnesota's ninth-largest export
2.20 market in 2024, with \$640 million worth of Minnesota goods exported to Taiwan; and

2.21 WHEREAS, Taiwan provided more than 100,000 masks to Minnesota during the COVID-19
2.22 pandemic in a gesture of goodwill to help meet a global humanitarian need; and

2.23 WHEREAS, to strengthen the Taiwan-Minnesota bilateral economic relationship, it is essential
2.24 to support Minnesota businesses to enhance their economic engagement with Taiwan based on the
2.25 1979 Taiwan Relations Act, Public Law 96-8, United States Code, title 22, section 3301. As article
2.26 4, section b, of the 1979 Taiwan Relations Act stipulates that "wherever the laws of the United
2.27 States refer or relate to foreign countries, nations, states, governments, or similar entities, such
2.28 terms shall include and such laws shall apply with respect to Taiwan," it is legitimate for Minnesota
2.29 businesses to refer to Taiwan as Taiwan in conducting their business with Taiwan; and

2.30 WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States have condemned the People's Republic of China's
2.31 misuse of United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2758 to isolate Taiwan and restrict Taiwan's
2.32 sovereign choices; and

2.33 WHEREAS, the United States has reaffirmed that Resolution 2758 does not bar Taiwan's
2.34 participation in the United Nations system or other multilateral fora, as stated at the World Health
2.35 Organization Executive Board and the United Nations Security Council; and

3.1 WHEREAS, negotiations for a bilateral trade agreement, the avoidance of double taxation
3.2 agreement, and the Indo-Pacific economic framework for prosperity between Taiwan and the United
3.3 States are important steps toward further strengthening bilateral trade between our countries, that
3.4 will increase Minnesota's exports to Taiwan and create bilateral investment and technical
3.5 collaboration through tariff reduction and other trade facilitation measures; and

3.6 WHEREAS, Taiwan has undertaken a policy of integrated diplomacy, highlighting value-based
3.7 diplomacy, alliance-based diplomacy, and economic and trade diplomacy, and Taiwan is capable
3.8 of, and willing to, fulfill its responsibilities and to collaborate with the world to address the challenges
3.9 of humanitarian aid and disease control; and

3.10 WHEREAS, during this year's Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Month,
3.11 we celebrate Minnesota's vibrant Taiwanese American community that has enriched the state's
3.12 culture, cuisine, and commerce for decades; and

3.13 WHEREAS, 2026 marks the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, a
3.14 milestone reflecting the nation's enduring commitment to liberty, democracy, prosperity, and peace;
3.15 and

3.16 WHEREAS, 2026 also marks the 30th anniversary of the Taiwan's first presidential election,
3.17 underscoring the importance of peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait and the shared responsibility
3.18 of democratic partners to deter aggression; NOW, THEREFORE,

3.19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Minnesota that it reaffirms its commitment
3.20 to strengthening and deepening the sister ties between the State of Minnesota and Taiwan.

3.21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate reaffirms its support for the Taiwan Relations
3.22 Act and supports Minnesota businesses to refer to Taiwan as Taiwan.

3.23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of Minnesota encourages and supports continued
3.24 efforts by the governments of the United States and Taiwan to advance negotiations toward a
3.25 bilateral trade agreement and to negotiate and conclude a comprehensive tax agreement to address
3.26 double taxation, recognizing that such agreements would enhance bilateral trade, promote increased
3.27 investment, and create new economic opportunities that benefit the people and businesses of
3.28 Minnesota.

3.29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate supports Taiwan's meaningful participation
3.30 in the international arena and condemns efforts to undermine Taiwan's sovereign status or
3.31 international engagement through the distortion of United Nations General Assembly Resolution
3.32 2758.

3.33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate recognizes the significance of these historic
3.34 milestones and reaffirms its strong support for continued peace, stability, and prosperity in the
3.35 Taiwan Strait.

4.1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Minnesota endorses Taiwan's efforts to secure the signing
4.2 of a bilateral trade agreement, the avoidance of double taxation agreement, and the Indo-Pacific
4.3 economic framework for prosperity with the United States, and reiterates its support for a closer
4.4 economic and trade partnership between the State of Minnesota and Taiwan.

4.5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate continues to support Taiwan's meaningful
4.6 participation in international organizations, such as the United Nations, World Health Organization,
4.7 International Civil Aviation Organization, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate
4.8 Change, and International Criminal Police Organization, which impact the health, safety, and
4.9 well-being of the people of Taiwan, and supports Taiwan's aspiration to make more contributions
4.10 in international societies.

4.11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate supports the State of Minnesota and Taiwan
4.12 in continuing to deepen their bilateral partnership, strengthen economic and people-to-people ties,
4.13 and advance shared democratic values in the years ahead.