

1 A JOINT MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED  
3 STATES TO SUPPORT THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S (TAIWAN'S)  
4 MEANINGFUL PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS,  
5 A UNITED STATES-TAIWAN BILATERAL INVESTMENT AGREEMENT AND  
6 TAIWAN'S PARTICIPATION IN THE TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP.

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8 WHEREAS, the Republic of China (Taiwan) became Asia's  
9 first republic in 1911 and, over the past two decades, has  
10 been praised as a beacon of democracy for Asia, having made  
11 great strides toward entering the world arena as a trusted  
12 partner; and

13 WHEREAS, Taiwan is not currently permitted to join many  
14 international organizations, which prevents the country from  
15 making significant contributions in such areas as economics,  
16 aviation, health and climate; and

17 WHEREAS, a delegation from Taiwan was invited to  
18 participate in the thirty-eighth international civil aviation  
19 organization assembly, which was the first time since Taiwan  
20 was excluded from assembly meetings in 1971, as guests of the  
21 council president; and

22 WHEREAS, Taiwan's absence from international  
23 organizations dealing with airline safety and security has  
24 left a gap in the international aviation security system, as  
25 Taiwan is a key transport hub in the Asia-Pacific region and

1 has one of the world's largest airports by cargo volume,  
2 Taoyuan international airport; and

3 WHEREAS, meaningful participation by the government of  
4 Taiwan as an observer in the international civil aviation  
5 organization meetings and activities will contribute both to  
6 the fulfillment of that organization's overarching mission  
7 and to the success of a global strategy to address aviation  
8 security threats based on effective international  
9 cooperation; and

10 WHEREAS, although Taiwan has yet to be permitted  
11 participation as an observer in the United Nations framework  
12 convention on climate change process, it still aspires to be  
13 a part of global efforts to protect the environment for  
14 future generations; and

15 WHEREAS, since May 2009, Taiwan's department of health  
16 has been invited for five consecutive years to attend the  
17 world health assembly as an observer under the designation  
18 "Chinese Taipei"; and

19 WHEREAS, Taiwan, which stands as the United States'  
20 eleventh-largest trading partner, and the United States,  
21 which stands as Taiwan's third-largest trading partner, have  
22 engaged in high-level ministerial discussions under the trade  
23 and investment framework agreement in order to move toward a  
24 bilateral investment agreement; and

25 WHEREAS, Taiwan actively seeks meaningful ways to

1 improve trade relations with other nations, especially the  
2 United States, by preparing for induction into the  
3 Trans-Pacific partnership in order to create greater  
4 multilateral interaction in the Asia-Pacific region; and

5 WHEREAS, Taiwan signed the 2010 Economic Cooperation  
6 Framework Agreement and the 2013 Cross-Strait Service Trade  
7 Agreement on Trade in Services with mainland China, making  
8 Taiwan the most viable gateway for American enterprises aimed  
9 at the Asia-Pacific market as well as an established business  
10 hub for foreign enterprises; and

11 WHEREAS, Taiwan hopes that trade relations with the  
12 United States will ultimately lead to a free trade agreement,  
13 which would usher in an unprecedented level of commercial  
14 prosperity and transparency between the two nations; and

15 WHEREAS, a United States-Taiwan bilateral investment  
16 agreement or free trade agreement will strengthen economic  
17 growth for both nations, as well as provide a gateway into  
18 Taiwan and mainland China for American foreign direct  
19 investment; and

20 WHEREAS, as of 2013, Taiwan ranks first in foreign  
21 direct investment to mainland China, third to Vietnam and  
22 Thailand and fourth to Malaysia; and

23 WHEREAS, Taiwan signed free trade agreements  
24 respectively with New Zealand and Singapore in 2013, and  
25 signed a bilateral investment agreement with Japan in 2011;

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2 WHEREAS, Taiwan seeks to contribute to peace, freedom  
3 and security in the world as a responsible stakeholder and  
4 peaceable nation of twenty-three million citizens through  
5 Taiwanese policies such as "viable diplomacy" in foreign  
6 affairs and its pragmatic approach to relations with mainland  
7 China; and

8 WHEREAS, former United States Secretary of State  
9 Hillary Clinton publicly acknowledged Taiwan as an important  
10 economic and security partner of the United States at the  
11 2011 Asia-Pacific economic cooperation conference; and

12 WHEREAS, Taiwan was designated as a participant in the  
13 United States visa waiver program in 2012, mutually  
14 benefitting bilateral economic and cultural exchanges between  
15 Taiwan and the United States; and

16 WHEREAS, New Mexico has had a strong economic and  
17 cultural relationship with Taiwan since establishing  
18 sister-state relations in 1985 and sister-city relations  
19 between Albuquerque and Hualien city in 1983; and

20 WHEREAS, a New Mexico state legislature delegation  
21 consisting of senators Mary Kay Papen, Cisco McSorley,  
22 Steven P. Neville, Sander Rue and Benny Shendo, Jr.,  
23 representatives Sharon Clahchischilliage, Doreen Y. Gallegos,  
24 Rodolpho "Rudy" S. Martinez, Debbie A. Rodella,  
25 Christine Trujillo and Monica Youngblood and

1 Ms. Erlinda Campbell conducted an official visit to Taiwan in  
2 April 2013, recognizing Taiwan's democratic and economic  
3 achievements as well as the importance for New Mexico  
4 government to bolster future bilateral economic and trade  
5 exchanges with Taiwan;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
7 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the congress and the president of the  
8 United States be requested to support the efforts of Taiwan to  
9 be granted observer status by certain international  
10 organizations and agreements, including the international  
11 civil aviation organization, the United Nations framework  
12 convention on climate change and the world health  
13 organization; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the congress and the  
15 president of the United States be requested to support  
16 Taiwan's participation in the Trans-Pacific partnership and  
17 continuing trade and investment framework agreement talks  
18 discussing the signing of a bilateral investment agreement  
19 with the United States; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
21 transmitted to the president of the United States, to the  
22 United States secretary of state, to the members of  
23 New Mexico's congressional delegation and to the  
24 United States trade representative; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state of New Mexico

1 continue to support economic, cultural and trade exchanges  
2 with Taiwan through an official trade delegation visit to  
3 Taiwan for the purpose of enhancing New Mexico's economic  
4 outreach to the Asia-Pacific market. \_\_\_\_\_

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