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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 SUPPORTING STRENGTHENING RELATIONS BETWEEN NEW MEXICO, THE
12 UNITED STATES AND TAIWAN IN TRADE, THE EXCHANGE OF VISITS BY
13 OFFICIALS AND TAIWAN'S PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL
14 ORGANIZATIONS.

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16 WHEREAS, the trade of goods and services between the
17 United States and the Republic of China, also known as Taiwan,
18 totaled an estimated one hundred fourteen billion dollars
19 (\$114,000,000,000) in 2021, with thirty-six billion dollars
20 (\$36,000,000,000) in exports, excluding military sales, and
21 sixty-seven billion one hundred million dollars
22 (\$67,100,000,000) in imports, ranking Taiwan as the
23 eighth-largest trading partner of the United States; and

24 WHEREAS, overall, Taiwan supports more than three hundred
25 seventy-three thousand two hundred eighty-eight jobs in the

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1 United States; and

2 WHEREAS, Taiwan was New Mexico's sixth-largest export
3 market in 2021, with a total of one hundred twenty-four million
4 dollars (\$124,000,000) in exports from New Mexico; and

5 WHEREAS, in total, more than one thousand two hundred jobs
6 in New Mexico are supported by Taiwan-affiliated companies and
7 the exports of goods and services to Taiwan; and

8 WHEREAS, four co-sponsors plus one hundred fifty-seven
9 members of congress signed a letter to United States trade
10 representative Robert E. Lighthizer on December 19, 2019, and
11 fifty United States senators signed an additional letter to him
12 on October 1, 2020, both encouraging the United States
13 government to work toward initiating negotiations on a
14 bilateral trade agreement with Taiwan, which would foster a
15 more open and fair trade environment, thereby creating greater
16 export and investment opportunities between the two countries;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, the United States under secretary of state for
19 economic growth, energy and the environment and Taiwan's
20 ministers of economic affairs and science and technology
21 jointly led the second annual United States-Taiwan economic
22 prosperity partnership dialogue on November 22, 2021, featuring
23 extensive discussions on supply chain resiliency, countering
24 economic coercion, promoting the digital economy, strengthening
25 fifth generation wireless network security and advancing

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1 collaboration in a variety of science and technology areas; and

2 WHEREAS, Taiwan's Admiral cable located operations in
3 Santa Teresa, New Mexico, in 2018, and Xxentria and Cymmetrik
4 followed in 2020, creating more than three hundred jobs; and

5 WHEREAS, Taiwan's bureau of foreign trade and ministry of
6 economic affairs and the New Mexico economic development
7 department signed a memorandum of understanding on trade and
8 economic cooperation on October 5, 2021, aiming to foster
9 further economic engagement and establish or expand operations
10 and supply chain cooperation between Taiwan and New Mexico; and

11 WHEREAS, on July 12, 2013, the president of the United
12 States signed into law H.R. 1151, an act supporting Taiwan's
13 participation as an observer in the international civil
14 aviation organization; and

15 WHEREAS, on March 18, 2016, the president of the United
16 States signed into law S. 2426, an act directing the United
17 States secretary of state to develop a strategy to obtain
18 observer status for Taiwan in the international criminal police
19 organization; and

20 WHEREAS, on March 26, 2020, the president of the United
21 States signed into law S. 1678, an act stating that it should
22 be the policy of the United States to advocate, as appropriate,
23 for Taiwan's membership in all international organizations in
24 which statehood is not a requirement and in which the United
25 States is also a participant, and for Taiwan to be granted

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1 observer status in other appropriate international
2 organizations; and

3 WHEREAS, the United States secretary of state issued a
4 statement on October 26, 2021, encouraging all United Nations
5 member states to join in supporting Taiwan's robust, meaningful
6 participation throughout the United Nations system and in the
7 international community; and

8 WHEREAS, Ms. Bi-khim Hsiao, Taiwan's representative to the
9 United States, and Taiwan's digital minister, Ms. Audrey Tang,
10 were invited to attend the "summit for democracy" hosted by
11 President Joe Biden on December 9 and 10, 2021; and

12 WHEREAS, joint memorials in support of Taiwan's
13 participation in international organizations and United Nations
14 specialized agencies have been introduced in the New Mexico
15 legislature in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2021; and

16 WHEREAS, the Taiwan Travel Act, enacted on March 16, 2018,
17 allows officials at all levels of the federal government to
18 travel to Taiwan to meet their Taiwanese counterparts and
19 allows high-level Taiwanese officials to enter the United
20 States; and

21 WHEREAS, New Mexico legislators are urged to support the
22 negotiation of a United States-Taiwan bilateral trade agreement
23 and Taiwan's participation in international organizations; and

24 WHEREAS, achievements made by New Mexico and Taiwan have
25 been acknowledged in the fields of economy, trade, technology,

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1 education and culture since the establishment of their
2 sister-state relations on August 14, 1985; and

3 WHEREAS, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham and New Mexico
4 legislators are encouraged to lead delegations to Taiwan to
5 advance bilateral trade and investment opportunities between
6 New Mexico and Taiwan, and tourism, cultural and educational
7 exchange opportunities between New Mexico and Taiwan in the
8 future;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
10 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislature support strengthening
11 relations between New Mexico, the United States and Taiwan in
12 trade, the exchange of visits by officials and support of
13 organizations; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
15 transmitted to the president of the United States, the governor
16 of New Mexico, members of New Mexico's congressional
17 delegation, the United States secretary of state and the United
18 States trade representative.

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