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A MEMORIAL

PROMOTING TRADE BETWEEN NEW MEXICO AND TAIWAN, AND URGING THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO SIGN A FREE TRADE AGREEMENT WITH TAIWAN.

WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States are long-standing friends and allies, both cherishing the commonly shared values of freedom, democracy and human rights; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is the world's seventeenth largest economy and the United States' eighth largest trading partner as well as the fifth largest market for the United States' agricultural products; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is an important trade partner with New Mexico, importing products from New Mexico, including computer and electronic products and agricultural products; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan, as a leading manufacturer of information

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1 technology products, is an indispensable provider of the global  
2 high-technology industry, and its peace and stability are not  
3 only vital to the Asian Pacific region, but also to the world  
4 economy; and

5 WHEREAS, Taiwan, as a willing and contributing member of  
6 the world community, has been one of the most active foreign  
7 parties to contribute aid in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina  
8 and other natural disasters in 2005; and

9 WHEREAS, the economic growth in trade between New Mexico  
10 and Taiwan is recognized, and New Mexico declares the need for  
11 a free trade agreement between the United States and Taiwan to  
12 further promote economic exchanges and opportunities for  
13 further trade exchanges;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
15 OF NEW MEXICO that Taiwan be commended on its contributions to  
16 the global community; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that New Mexico declare its support  
18 of a free trade agreement between the United States and Taiwan  
19 that is mutually beneficial to New Mexico, the United States  
20 and Taiwan; and

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

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