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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
12 TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA, TAIWAN, TO BE
13 GRANTED OBSERVER STATUS BY CERTAIN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.
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15 WHEREAS, the Republic of China, Taiwan, became Asia's
16 first republic in 1911 and, over the past two decades, has been
17 praised as a beacon of democracy for Asia, having made great
18 strides toward entering the world arena as a trusted partner;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Taiwan is not currently permitted to join many
21 international organizations, which prevents the country from
22 making significant contributions in such areas as economics,
23 aviation, health and climate; and

24 WHEREAS, during the seventeenth session of the conference
25 of the parties, to be held in Durban, South Africa, from

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1 November 28 to December 9, 2013, delegations from around the
2 world will gather to discuss such issues as the post-2012
3 climate regime, stabilizing greenhouse gas concentrations in
4 the atmosphere, the future of the Kyoto Protocol and
5 implementation of the Cancun agreement; and

6 WHEREAS, although Taiwan has yet to be permitted
7 participation as an observer in the United Nations framework
8 convention on climate change process, it still aspires to be a
9 part of global efforts toward climate change mitigation and
10 adaptation; and

11 WHEREAS, Taiwan has decided to reduce, by 2020, its
12 greenhouse gas emissions by at least thirty percent relative to
13 the business-as-usual benchmark and has drafted a greenhouse
14 gas emissions reduction bill that will soon be put through its
15 legislature; and

16 WHEREAS, Taiwan's participation in the conference of the
17 parties would conform to the spirit and purpose of the United
18 Nations framework convention on climate change that
19 acknowledges "the global nature of climate change calls for the
20 widest possible cooperation", and Taiwan's environmental
21 protection administration should be admitted to participate as
22 an observer in the sessions of the conference of the parties
23 since it is qualified in matters covered by the United Nations
24 framework convention on climate change; and

25 WHEREAS, Taiwan's continuing absence from international

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1 climate organizations such as the United Nations framework
2 convention on climate change has impeded Taiwan's ability to
3 respond to natural disasters such as Typhoon Morakot in 2009;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Taiwan has had no direct contact with the
6 international civil aviation organization since it was excluded
7 from the organization in 1971; and

8 WHEREAS, Taiwan's absence from international organizations
9 dealing with airline safety and security has left a gap in the
10 international aviation security system, as Taiwan is a key
11 transport hub in the Asia-Pacific region and has one of the
12 world's largest airports by cargo volume, Taoyuan international
13 airport; and

14 WHEREAS, meaningful participation by the government of
15 Taiwan as an observer in the meetings and activities of the
16 international civil aviation organization will contribute both
17 to the fulfillment of that organization's overarching mission
18 and to the success of a global strategy to address aviation
19 security threats based on effective international cooperation;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, since May 2009, Taiwan's department of health has
22 been invited for three consecutive years to attend the world
23 health assembly as an observer under the designation "Chinese
24 Taipei"; and

25 WHEREAS, Taiwan seeks to contribute to peace, freedom and

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1 security in the world as a responsible stakeholder and
2 peaceable nation of twenty-three million citizens through
3 Taiwanese policies such as "viable diplomacy" in foreign
4 affairs and its pragmatic approach to relations with mainland
5 China; and

6 WHEREAS, New Mexico has had a strong economic and cultural
7 relationship with Taiwan since establishing sister-state
8 relations in 1985 and sister-city relations between Albuquerque
9 and Hualien in 1983;

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

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
19 transmitted to the president of the United States, to the
20 United States secretary of state and to the members of New
21 Mexico's congressional delegation.