SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. SJ0007

Support for Taiwan.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Driskill, Anderson, Barlow, Case, Cooper, Dockstader, Ellis, French, Furphy, Gierau, Hicks, Hutchings, Ide, Kinskey, Laursen, D, Pappas and Steinmetz Representative(s) Brown, Crago, Jennings, L, Neiman, Nicholas, Oakley, er, Olsen, Rodriguez-Williams, Larsen, Obermueller, Slagle, Sommers, Stith, Styvar, Walters, Washut, Western, Yin and Zwonitzer, Dn

A JOINT RESOLUTION

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1 A JOINT RESOLUTION in support of Taiwan.

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- 3 WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States are bonded by their
- 4 shared commitment to democracy, human rights, the rule of law
- 5 and a free market economy; and

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- 7 WHEREAS, on March 5, 1984, the State of Wyoming adopted Taiwan
- 8 as Wyoming's sister state; and

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- 10 WHEREAS, Taiwan ranks as the United States' eighth largest
- 11 trading partner, Taiwan ranks as the United States' sixth

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1 largest agricultural goods export destination and bilateral

- 2 trade between the United States and Taiwan reached an
- 3 estimated one hundred fourteen billion dollars
- 4 (\$114,000,000,000.00) in 2021; and

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- 6 WHEREAS, the United States and Taiwan have welcomed the
- 7 resumption of high-level trade engagement and have expressed
- 8 a desire to work closely together; and

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- 10 WHEREAS, Taiwan ranks as the State of Wyoming's eighth largest
- 11 trading partner in Asia and both the State of Wyoming and
- 12 Taiwan are committed to strengthening bilateral economic
- 13 bonds; and

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- 15 WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed the landmark
- 16 Taiwan Relation Act in 1979 to sustain a close, bilateral
- 17 relationship and to advance mutual security and commercial
- 18 interests between the United States and Taiwan; and

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- 20 WHEREAS, based on the principles of the United States' and
- 21 Taiwan's Education Initiative in 2020, Taiwan's Ministry of
- 22 Education and the State of Wyoming's Department of Education
- 23 signed a memorandum of understanding on educational

1 cooperation in 2022 to further promote teacher and student

2 exchanges and cultural awareness; and

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4 WHEREAS, the United States has previously assisted Taiwan in

5 its participation with the World Health Organization, the

6 International Civil Aviation Organization and the

7 International Criminal Police Organization and the United

8 States will continue to support Taiwan's meaningful

9 participation in these and other international organizations;

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12 WHEREAS, Taiwan, as a willing and contributing member of the

13 world community, has made countless contributions of

14 technical and financial assistance in the wake of natural

15 disasters worldwide.

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17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE

18 LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING:

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20 **Section 1.** That Wyoming reaffirms its commitment to the

21 strong and deepening relationship between Taiwan and the

22 State of Wyoming.

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1 Section 2. That Wyoming supports Taiwan's participation

2 in internal organizations that impact the global trade,

3 health, safety and well-being of the twenty-three million

4 (23,000,000) people in Taiwan.

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6 Section 3. That Wyoming reiterates its support for a

7 closer economic and trade partnership between the United

8 States and Taiwan including signing the United States-Taiwan

9 Bilateral Trade Agreement.

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11 Section 4. That the Secretary of State of Wyoming

12 transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the

13 United States, to the President of the Senate and Speaker of

14 the House of Representatives of the United States Congress,

15 to Wyoming's Congressional Delegation, to Taiwan President

16 Tsai Ing-wen and to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office,

17 Seattle, Washington.

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