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By Committee on Agriculture

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10 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION supporting a Taiwan-United States
11 free trade agreement **and encouraging Taiwan to lift the ban on**
12 **the importation of U.S. beef and beef products.**
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14 WHEREAS, Kansas and Taiwan share a long and mutually beneficial
15 trade relationship; and

16 WHEREAS, The Kansas agricultural industry has benefited greatly
17 over the last 20 years from the sale of wheat, corn and beef into Taiwan;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, The market potential for Kansas products into the
20 Greater China Economic Area through Taiwan is positive; and

21 WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States enjoy one of the most im-
22 portant economic and strategic international relationships that exists to-
23 day; and

24 WHEREAS, Together, Taiwan and the United States promote a
25 shared belief in freedom, democracy and market principles; and

26 WHEREAS, The level of mutual investment between Taiwan and the
27 United States is quite high; and

28 **WHEREAS, Currently, Taiwan has imposed a ban on the im-**
29 **portation of U.S. beef and beef products; and**

30 **WHEREAS, There has been only one case of BSE in the United**
31 **States originating from a cow imported from Canada, and the**
32 **United States has imposed a ban on the importation of Canadian**
33 **beef; and**

34 WHEREAS, Streamlined foreign investment procedures developed
35 under a Taiwan-United States free trade agreement would lead to further
36 investment by firms in both Taiwan and the United States and would
37 create new business opportunities and new jobs; and

38 WHEREAS, A Taiwan-United States free trade agreement would en-
39 courage greater innovations and manufacturing efficiencies by stimulating
40 joint technological development, practical applications and new cooper-
41 ative ventures; and

42 WHEREAS, A Taiwan-United States free trade agreement would
43 build on the existing strong relations between Taiwan and the United

1 States to simultaneously boost Taiwan’s democracy and serve the broader
2 interests of the United States in the Asia-Pacific region: Now, therefore,
3 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas,*
4 *the Senate concurring therein:* That we support the negotiations of a
5 Taiwan-United States free trade agreement; and
6 *Be it further resolved:* **That we encourage Taiwan to lift the ban**
7 **on the importation of U.S. beef and beef products; and**
8 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State be directed to send
9 an enrolled copy of this resolution to the President of the United States,
10 the United States Secretary of State, the United States Secretary of Com-
11 merce, the United States Trade Representative and to each member of
12 the Kansas Congressional Delegation.