

## House Concurrent Resolution No. 5041

By Committee on Agriculture

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9 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION supporting a Taiwan-United States  
10 free trade agreement.

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12 WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States enjoy one of the most im-  
13 portant economic and strategic international relationships; and

14 WHEREAS, Together, Taiwan and the United States promote a  
15 shared faith and respect for freedom, democracy and free market prin-  
16 ciples; and

17 WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States have worked hand-in-hand  
18 to preserve peace and stability within the Asia-Pacific region and to help  
19 improve the lives of their citizens and people around the world; and

20 WHEREAS, Trade between Taiwan and the United States has in-  
21 creased significantly during the past decades, with the United States being  
22 Taiwan's second largest source of imports and Taiwan being the eighth  
23 largest trading partner of the United States; and

24 WHEREAS, Taiwan is a major trading partner with the United States  
25 and also an important overseas market for United States agricultural prod-  
26 ucts, and given the remarkable economic performance of Taiwan and the  
27 strong purchasing power of its 23,000,000 people, there are many op-  
28 portunities to further expand bilateral trade between the United States  
29 and Taiwan; and

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

34 WHEREAS, A Taiwan-United States free trade agreement would en-  
35 courage greater innovations and manufacturing efficiencies by stimulating  
36 joint technological development, practical applications and new cooper-  
37 ative ventures; and

38 WHEREAS, A recent study by the United States International Trade  
39 Commission supports the negotiation of a Taiwan-United States free  
40 trade agreement to further boost trade between the two countries and  
41 serve the broader interests of the United States in the Asia-Pacific region:  
42 Now, therefore,

43 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas,*

1 *the Senate concurring therein:* That we support the negotiations of a  
2 Taiwan-United States free trade agreement; and  
3 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State be directed to send  
4 an enrolled copy of this resolution to the President of the United States,  
5 the United States Secretary of State, the United States Secretary of Com-  
6 merce, the United States Trade Representative and to each member of  
7 the Kansas Congressional Delegation.