

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1838

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

WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States enjoy one of the most important economic and strategic international relationships; and

WHEREAS, Together, Taiwan and the United States promote a shared faith and respect for freedom, democracy and free market principles; and

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

WHEREAS, Trade between Taiwan and the United States has increased significantly during the past decades, with the United States being Taiwan's second largest source of imports and Taiwan being the eighth largest trading partner of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is a major trading partner with the United States and also an important overseas market for United States agricultural products, and given the remarkable economic performance of Taiwan and the strong purchasing power of its 23 million people, there are many opportunities to further expand bilateral trade between the United States and Taiwan; and

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

WHEREAS, A Taiwan-United States free trade agreement would encourage greater innovations and manufacturing efficiencies by stimulating joint technological development, practical applications and new cooperative ventures; and

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

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That the Senate supports the negotiation of a Taiwan-United States free trade agreement; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to send an enrolled copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of State, the United States Secretary of Commerce, the United States Trade Representative and to each member of the Kansas Congressional Delegation.

Senate Resolution No. 1838 was sponsored by Senators Chris Steineger and Derek Schmidt.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*