

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6026

A RESOLUTION commemorating the twentieth anniversary of the sister-state relationship between the State of Kansas and the Province of Taiwan, Republic of China.

WHEREAS, On November 14, 1989, the State of Kansas invited the Province of Taiwan, Republic of China to join the State of Kansas as a sister state to strengthen international understanding and goodwill and to establish a greater friendship between the residents of Kansas and Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, The Province of Taiwan has been a true friend and steadfast partner of the State of Kansas in an enduring sister-state relationship for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Over the past 20 years, the bonds of friendship between Kansas and Taiwan have strengthened, resulting in a better economic, social and cultural exchange between the two; and

WHEREAS, Every other year, Taiwan has sent an Agriculture Trade Goodwill Mission to Kansas to demonstrate Taiwan's continuing goodwill and willingness to purchase Kansas agricultural products and the Kansas agricultural industry has benefitted greatly over the past two decades from the sale of wheat, corn and beef into Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, Beginning in 1989, every year over 400 students from Taiwan have studied at Kansas colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, The commercial interaction between the State of Kansas and Taiwan has grown substantially with each passing year, resulting in increased economic growth for both Taiwan and Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is the ninth largest trade partner of the United States, with over \$64.7 billion in two-way trade in 2007, and is a top foreign market for Kansas products: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:* That we, on behalf of the people of the State of Kansas, do hereby express our sincere friendship and appreciation to the people of the Province of Taiwan, Republic of China for 20 years of enlightenment, friendship and mutual economic growth as our sister-state; and

*Be it further resolved:* That it is with great pride that the State of Kansas looks forward to many more rewarding years as a sister-state with the Province of Taiwan, Republic of China.

House Resolution No. 6026 was sponsored by Representatives Ray Merrick and Michael O'Neal.

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

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*