

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1870

A SENATE 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 Senate of the State of Kansas: 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; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to send an enrolled copy of this resolution to the United States Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20520; to Director General Dale W. Jieh, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, 3100 Broadway, Suite 800, Kansas City, MO 64111; and to each member of the Kansas Congressional Delegation.

Senate Resolution No. 1870 was sponsored by Senators Steineger, Morris and D. Schmidt.

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

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.