

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1002

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, To commend Taiwan on its contributions to the promotion of freedom, democracy, and human rights, and to support its efforts to join certain international organizations.

WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States of America are friends and allies of long standing, and both cherish the common values of freedom, democracy, and human rights; and

WHEREAS, the State of South Dakota and Taiwan established a sister-state relationship in 1984 and have enjoyed long and mutually beneficial agricultural, trade, cultural, and educational relations; and

WHEREAS, a joint communiqué was signed between the South Dakota Wheat Commission and the Taiwan Flour Mill Association, purchasing 25.9 million dollars worth of South Dakota wheat in 2008 and 2009; and

WHEREAS, an agricultural youth exchange program conducted between South Dakota and Taiwan has allowed South Dakota students to view Taiwan's agricultural industry, economic achievements, and vibrant society, which enriches the international vision of the young generation; and

WHEREAS, the Taiwanese contemporary art exhibition in South Dakota has entertained, inspired, and enriched the community by making international art and cultural exchange part of our lives, and will support and push the limits of artistic expression in South Dakota and through the region in the new year; and

WHEREAS, the twenty-three million people of Taiwan have effectively extended humanistic, technical, and financial support to aid international efforts in maintaining world peace and combating epidemic diseases in the past and are eager to continue to contribute in the future; and

WHEREAS, the United States, in the Taiwan Policy Review, declared its intention to support Taiwan's participation in appropriate international organizations:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eighty-Third Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature hereby supports Taiwan and its twenty-three million people's participation in the World Health Organization, the United Nations, and other international organizations.

Adopted by the House of Representatives,
Concurred in by the Senate,

February 6, 2008
February 12, 2008

Thomas J. Deadrick
Speaker of the House

Karen Gerdes
Chief Clerk of the House

Dennis Dugaard
President of the Senate

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