

JAN 29 2008

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO ENTER INTO A FREE
TRADE AGREEMENT WITH TAIWAN.

1 WHEREAS, the statistics on trade between the United States
2 and Taiwan are impressive; and

3
4 WHEREAS, Taiwan is the United States' eighth largest
5 trading partner, tenth largest export market, and fifth largest
6 farm products market; and

7
8 WHEREAS, in 2005, trade flow between the United States and
9 Taiwan totaled \$56,900,000,000, and cumulative United States
10 investment in Taiwan amounted to \$14,100,000,000; and

11
12 WHEREAS, Taiwan has been actively seeking a bilateral free
13 trade agreement with the United States; and

14
15 WHEREAS, such an agreement may provide more opportunities
16 for United States companies to invest in and export to Taiwan;
17 and

18
19 WHEREAS, United States consumers may also benefit from
20 Taiwan products; and

21
22 WHEREAS, Taiwan is already a member of the World Trade
23 Organization and a party to many economic and trade agreements
24 with various countries; and

25
26 WHEREAS, a free trade agreement may enable the United
27 States to indirectly facilitate the participation of Taiwan in
28 multilateral Asian trade agreements; now, therefore,

29
30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the
32 House of Representatives concurring, that the President of the



S.C.R. NO. 45

1 United States is strongly urged to seriously consider entering
2 into a free trade agreement with Taiwan; and

3

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the United
5 States is requested to undertake negotiations to enter into a
6 free trade agreement in a manner that respects the interests of
7 all countries in the East Asian region; and

8

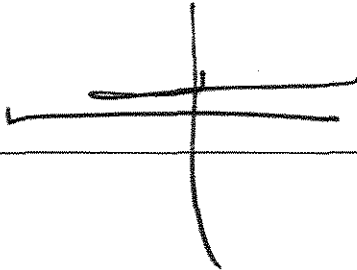
9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
10 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
11 United States, the Director General of the Taipei Economic and
12 Cultural Office, and members of Hawaii's congressional
13 delegation.

14

15

16

OFFERED BY:



A handwritten signature consisting of several overlapping horizontal and vertical strokes, positioned above a horizontal line.

By Request

