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# SENATE RESOLUTION

ENDORISING TAIWAN'S PARTICIPATION AS AN OBSERVER IN THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE, INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION, WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, AND INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL POLICE ORGANIZATION; ENCOURAGING A U.S.-TAIWAN BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENT; AND CELEBRATING THE STATE OF HAWAII'S TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF SISTER-STATE RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN.

1           WHEREAS, as a global citizen, Taiwan upholds the universal  
2 values of peace, freedom, democracy, and human rights; and  
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4           WHEREAS, Taiwan is a committed provider of humanitarian  
5 aid; from malaria prevention programs in Africa, to agricultural  
6 projects in Latin America and the Caribbean; from medical  
7 missions in the South Pacific, to disaster relief in Asia; these  
8 are a few examples of how Taiwan has consistently strived to  
9 make a real difference throughout the world; and  
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11           WHEREAS, for years, Taiwan has actively engaged in climate  
12 change research, supported anti-terrorism cooperation, and  
13 worked with its partners to tackle transnational crime; and  
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15           WHEREAS, through its participation in its annual World  
16 Health Assembly since April of 2009, Taiwan has shared its  
17 renowned expertise in disease control and prevention; and  
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19           WHEREAS, Taiwan's meaningful participation in international  
20 bodies such as the World Health Organization, International  
21 Criminal Police Organization, United Nations Framework  
22 Convention on Climate Change, and International Civil Aviation  
23 Organization would make international mechanisms truly global;  
24 and  
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26           WHEREAS, Hawaii has a strong cultural, historical, and  
27 economic relationship with Taiwan since sister-state relations  
28 were established on December 19, 1993, and the bonds of true  
29 friendship and a steadfast trade partnership have strengthened  
30 over the past twenty-five years; and  
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1           WHEREAS, Taiwan is the tenth largest trading partner of the  
2 United States with more than \$65,000,000,000 in goods traded  
3 between the United States and Taiwan in 2016, and the United  
4 States is the leading country for foreign direct investment in  
5 Taiwan; and

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7           WHEREAS, the deep economic relationship between the United  
8 States and Taiwan has created hundreds of thousands of jobs in  
9 the United States that rely on exports to Taiwan; now,  
10 therefore,

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12           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth  
13 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018,  
14 that this body joins the United States in endorsing the  
15 participation of Taiwan as an observer in the United Nations  
16 Framework Convention on Climate Change, International Civil  
17 Aviation Organization, World Health Organization, and  
18 International Criminal Police Organization; and

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20           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body also joins the United  
21 States House of Representatives in encouraging the United States  
22 Trade Representative to commence negotiations to enter into a  
23 bilateral trade agreement with Taiwan; and

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25           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body supports the State of  
26 Hawaii's twenty-fifth anniversary of sister-state relations with  
27 Taiwan; and

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29           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
30 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States;  
31 President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate; Speaker of  
32 the United States House of Representatives; United States  
33 Secretary of State; members of Hawaii's congressional  
34 delegation; Governor; and Director of Business, Economic  
35 Development, and Tourism.

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