

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0001

Support of Taiwan.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Byrd, Blake, Blikre,
Lubnau and Throne and Senator(s) Anderson,
J.D. (SD02), Driskill, Ross and Von Flatern

A Bill

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION requesting Congress to support Taiwan's
2 participation in appropriate international organizations
3 and to resume free trade talks with Taiwan.

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5 WHEREAS, Taiwan, the United States, and in particular the
6 State of Wyoming share a historical and close relationship
7 marked by strong bilateral trade, educational and cultural
8 exchange, and tourism; and

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10 WHEREAS, Taiwan shares with the United States and the State
11 of Wyoming the common values of freedom, democracy, human
12 rights, and rule of law; and

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14 WHEREAS, the United States ranks as Taiwan's third largest
15 trading partner, Taiwan is the tenth largest trading

1 partner of the United States, and bilateral trade reached
2 \$67.2 billion in 2011; and

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4 WHEREAS, Taiwan and the State of Wyoming have enjoyed a
5 long and mutually beneficial relationship with the prospect
6 of further growth; and

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8 WHEREAS, the United States on November 1, 2012, officially
9 included Taiwan in its Visa Waiver Program, allowing
10 Taiwan's citizens to travel to the United States for
11 tourism or business for stays of ninety (90) days or less
12 without being required to obtain a visa, and the program
13 will increase tourism and business between Taiwan and the
14 United States, particularly Wyoming, with the prospect of
15 thirty percent (30%) to forty percent (40%) growth of
16 Taiwanese travelers to the United States in 2013, rising
17 from four hundred thousand (400,000) Taiwanese travelers in
18 2011; and

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20 WHEREAS, the issue of U.S. beef exports to Taiwan has been
21 settled, and the resumption of trade talks on the Trade and
22 Investment Framework Agreement and the signing of the Free
23 Trade Agreement between Taiwan and the United States will
24 not only help to forge a closer relationship but will also

1 create greater benefits and well-being for the State of
2 Wyoming and boost Taiwan's chances to enter the Trans-
3 Pacific Partnership; and

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5 WHEREAS, President Ma Ying-jeou has worked tirelessly to
6 uphold democratic principles in Taiwan, ensure the
7 prosperity of Taiwan's twenty-three million citizens,
8 promote Taiwan's international standing as a responsible
9 member of the international community, increase
10 participation in international organizations, dispatch
11 humanitarian missions abroad and further improve relations
12 between the United States and Taiwan; and

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14 WHEREAS, Taiwan, as a willing and contributing member of
15 the world community, has made countless contributions of
16 technical and financial assistance in the wake of Hurricane
17 Sandy and other natural disasters worldwide.

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19 *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE*
20 *LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING:*

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22 **Section 1.** That Wyoming reaffirms its commitment to
23 the strong and deepening relationship between Taiwan and
24 the State of Wyoming.

