

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0013

Support of Taiwan.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Nicholas, Larsen and Sommers
and Senator(s) Driskill and Landen

A JOINT RESOLUTION

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION in support of Taiwan.

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3 WHEREAS, Taiwan, the United States, and the State of Wyoming
4 share a historical and close relationship marked by strong
5 bilateral trade, cultural exchange, and tourism; and

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7 WHEREAS, Taiwan shares with the United States and the State
8 of Wyoming the common values of freedom, democracy, human
9 rights, and the rule of law; and

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11 WHEREAS, on March 5, 1984, the State of Wyoming adopted Taiwan
12 as Wyoming's sister state; and

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14 WHEREAS, the United States ranks as Taiwan's second largest
15 trading partner, Taiwan ranks as the United States' eleventh

1 largest 'goods' trading partner, and bilateral trade between
2 the United States and Taiwan reached an estimated ninety-four
3 billion five hundred million dollars (\$94,500,000,000.00) in
4 2018; and

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

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10 WHEREAS, in 2012, the United States officially included
11 Taiwan in its Visa Waiver Program, allowing Taiwan's citizens
12 to travel to the United States for tourism or business for
13 ninety (90) days without being required to obtain a visa, and
14 the program has and will continue to increase tourism and
15 business between Taiwan and the United States, particularly
16 Wyoming, with the prospect of welcoming more Taiwanese
17 travelers to the United States each year; and

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19 WHEREAS, the United States beef exports to Taiwan are
20 beneficial to Wyoming and help forge a closer relationship
21 between the State of Wyoming and Taiwan; and

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1 WHEREAS, Taiwan's President, Tsai Ing-wen, has worked
2 tirelessly to uphold democratic principles in Taiwan, to
3 ensure the freedom and prosperity of Taiwan's twenty-three
4 million (23,000,000) citizens, to promote Taiwan's
5 international standing as a stable and responsible member of
6 the international community, to increase participation in
7 international organizations, to support societally
8 disadvantaged groups in Taiwan, and to further stabilize,
9 improve and strengthen relations between the United States
10 and Taiwan; and

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

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17 *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE*
18 *LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING:*

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

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1 **Section 2.** That Wyoming supports Taiwan's appropriate
2 participation in international organizations that improve the
3 health, safety, and well-being of Taiwan.

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5 **Section 3.** That Wyoming supports the previous United
6 States presidential administrations' historic diplomatic
7 efforts to recognize Taiwan.

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9 **Section 4.** That Wyoming welcomes the opportunity for
10 the United States and the state of Wyoming to deepen the
11 economic, educational and cultural bonds with Taiwan.

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13 **Section 5.** That the Secretary of State of Wyoming
14 transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the
15 United States, to the President of the Senate and Speaker of
16 the House of Representatives of the United States Congress,
17 to Wyoming's Congressional Delegation, to Taiwan President
18 Tsai Ing-wen and to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office,
19 Seattle, Washington.

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