

**Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2017**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3034
(Representatives K. Koppelman, Devlin, D. Johnson, Keiser, Vigesaa)
(Senators Hogue, Holmberg, Wardner)

A concurrent resolution urging North Dakota to continue strengthening and expanding sister-state ties between the state of North Dakota and the people of the Republic of China (Taiwan); supporting the signing of a Free Trade Agreement and Bilateral Investment Agreement between the United States and Taiwan; and reaffirming support for increasing Taiwan's international profile.

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota and Taiwan entered a sister-state relationship in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan shares the same values of freedom, democracy, rule of law, and respect for human rights as the State of North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the bonds of true friendship and mutually beneficial trade partnership between the State of North Dakota and Taiwan have been strengthened, resulting in strong economic, social, tourism, and cultural exchanges; and

WHEREAS, negotiations for a Bilateral Investment Agreement between Taiwan and the United States are an important step toward further strengthening bilateral trade and paving the way for a Free Trade Agreement between Taiwan and the United States, which will increase North Dakota's exports to Taiwan and promote bilateral investment; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan, as a responsible stakeholder in the international community, is seeking meaningful participation in the International Civil Aviation Organization, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and International Criminal Police Organization;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly urges North Dakota to continue its endorsement and support of the relationship and shared interests between the people of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the State of North Dakota and celebrate the thirty-first anniversary of sister-state relations; that the Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly endorses the signing of the Bilateral Investment Agreement and Free Trade Agreement between Taiwan and the United States; and that the Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly supports Taiwan's meaningful participation in international organizations that support the health, safety, and well-being of the people of Taiwan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the United States Secretary of State, Secretary General of the International Civil Aviation Organization, United States Secretary of Transportation, Governor of the Taiwan Provincial Government, and Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Denver, Colorado.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate