

**Sixty-third Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 8, 2013**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3030
(Representatives D. Johnson, Devlin, Drovdal)
(Senators Flakoll, Grindberg, Klein)

A concurrent resolution endorsing Taiwan's participation as an observer in the International Civil Aviation Organization and United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

WHEREAS, civil aviation plays a pivotal role in promoting cultural exchange, business, trade, and tourism; and

WHEREAS, the development of international civil aviation in a safe and orderly manner is the supreme cause of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO); and

WHEREAS, with an excellent geographic location, Taiwan is a key aviation hub for regions in northeastern and southeastern Asia; and

WHEREAS, the Taipei Flight Information Region (FIR), bordering the FIRs of Fukuoka, Manila, Hong Kong, and Shanghai, includes 14 international airways and 4 domestic airways, providing services for more than 1 million flights per year; and

WHEREAS, each year, 40 million travelers enter, leave, or pass through the Taipei FIR, making Taiwan a key part of air navigation in East Asia; and

WHEREAS, currently, more than 50 domestic and foreign airlines operate flights from Taiwan to 110 cities in the world and the annual number of passengers on international flights is approximately 30 million; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the number of international passengers at Taiwan's largest airport--Taoyuan International Airport--ranks 16th worldwide, while international cargo ranks 9th, making Taiwan one of the busiest airspaces in the world; and

WHEREAS, without Taiwan's participation, international flight plans, regulations, and procedure that the ICAO formulates will be incomplete and unsafe; and

WHEREAS, as an island in the Pacific Ocean, Taiwan is imperiled by rising sea levels and the ravages of extreme weather; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan's exclusion from meaningful participation in United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) has been to the detriment of both the Taiwanese people and the global community as Taiwan not only has the means but also incentive to make a meaningful contribution; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan's request to participate in the ICAO and the UNFCCC is fully in line with the United States government's policy of supporting Taiwan's meaningful participation in United Nation's specialized agencies;

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

That the North Dakota Legislative Assembly endorses Taiwan's participation in the ICAO as an observer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that that the North Dakota Legislative Assembly is supportive of all efforts to grant Taiwan official observer status at the UNFCCC and as a collaborative partner of the United States on a wide range of public issues, Taiwan should be afforded the opportunity to participate in global efforts aimed at reducing and preventing natural disasters; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the copies of this resolution be sent to the United States Secretary of State, the United States Secretary of Transportation, the United States Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation, and the Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Kansas City.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate