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

6 **WHEREAS**, the State of North Dakota and Taiwan entered a sister-state relationship in
7 1986; and

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

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

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

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

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

22 That the Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly urges North Dakota to continue its endorsement
23 and support of the relationship and shared interests between the people of the Republic of
24 China (Taiwan) and the State of North Dakota and celebrate the thirty-first anniversary of sister-
25 state relations; that the Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly endorses the signing of the Bilateral

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1 Investment Agreement and Free Trade Agreement between Taiwan and the United States; and
2 that the Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly supports Taiwan's meaningful participation in
3 international organizations that support the health, safety, and well-being of the people of
4 Taiwan.

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