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3 By Senators Wojahn, Gaspard, Snyder, Sellar, Newhouse and Prince

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5 On page 1, beginning on line 1 of the concurrent resolution, strike
6 the remainder of the resolution and insert the following:

7 "WHEREAS, The State of Washington in the United States of America
8 and Taiwan have an extensive cultural, economic, and political
9 relationship; and

10 WHEREAS, The manifestation of these relationships can be found in
11 the fact that more than seven and one-half billion dollars in trade was
12 done between the State of Washington and Taiwan in 1993, and Taiwan is
13 the fourth most important source of foreign tourists to Washington; and

14 WHEREAS, The State of Washington has chosen to recognize the
15 special nature of the relationship of the partners by the establishment
16 of a Trade Office in Taipei; and

17 WHEREAS, The benefits of a continued expansion of trade between the
18 State of Washington and Taiwan include increases in trade-related
19 employment and greater markets for the products of both states; and

20 WHEREAS, The State of Washington and Taiwan have worked together to
21 have officially sponsored exchanges in the fine arts, recreation, and
22 political fields; and

23 WHEREAS, Such exchanges provide opportunities for the people of the
24 State of Washington and the people of Taiwan to benefit by gaining a
25 greater appreciation for the history, fine arts, political
26 institutions, and culture of each other;

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the State of
28 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That the Governor
29 of the State of Washington is requested to enter into a sister state
30 relationship with Taiwan; and

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Governor of the State of
32 Washington is encouraged to continue to use the influence of the Office
33 of Governor to promote increased trade, cultural exchanges, and tourism
34 between the two sister states; and

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a Memorandum of Understanding between
36 the states implementing the sister state relationship should identify
37 an association within each state that will, at a minimum:

1 (1) Sustain and enhance cooperation between the two states, with
2 special emphasis on urban management and development, arts, trade,
3 culture, and education;

4 (2) For the State of Washington, establish a Trade, Investment, and
5 Tourism Committee with representatives from the Governor's Office, the
6 Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development, one or more
7 public ports, the tourist and convention industry, the Trade
8 Development Alliance of Greater Seattle, one or more economic
9 development councils, and growers of exported agricultural products;
10 and

11 (3) For the Province of Taiwan, a similar committee may be
12 established; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the associations and their committees
14 shall have as members representatives of their respective business
15 communities and other interested individuals and entities; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the associations and their committees
17 shall be led by officers to coordinate and energize their activities
18 and raise and provide funds to pay the costs of government officials'
19 activities in the furtherance of the goals of the associations; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the officers and members of both
21 associations shall endeavor to meet together as a group at least
22 annually and will visit one another as frequently as schedules permit,
23 with coordination guided through the exchange of annual work plans and
24 budgets."

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