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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8402
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By Senators Wojahn, Sellar, Snyder, Newhouse, Gaspard, Fairley, Swecker, Deccio, Palmer, Drew, McDonald, Oke, Sutherland, Winsley and Rasmussen

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1   WHEREAS, The State of Washington in the United States of America
2 and Taiwan, Republic of China, have an extensive cultural, economic,
3 and political relationship; and
4   WHEREAS, The manifestation of these relationships can be found in
5 the fact that more than seven and one-half billion dollars in trade was
6 done between the State of Washington and Taiwan in 1993, and Taiwan is
7 the fourth most important source of foreign tourists to Washington; and
8   WHEREAS, The State of Washington has chosen to recognize the
9 special nature of the relationship of the partners by the establishment
10 of a Trade Office in Taipei; and
11   WHEREAS, The benefits of a continued expansion of trade between the
12 State of Washington and Taiwan include increases in trade-related
13 employment and greater markets for the products of both states; and
14   WHEREAS, The State of Washington and Taiwan have worked together to
15 have officially sponsored exchanges in the fine arts, recreation, and
16 political fields; and
17   WHEREAS, Such exchanges provide opportunities for the people of the
18 State of Washington and the people of Taiwan to benefit by gaining a
19 greater appreciation for the history, fine arts, political
20 institutions, and culture of each other;

1   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the State of
2 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That the State of
3 Washington declares that it agrees to enter into a sister state
4 relationship with Taiwan; and
5   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Governor of the State of
6 Washington is encouraged to continue to use the influence of the Office
7 of Governor to promote increased trade, cultural exchanges, and tourism
8 between the two sister states.

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