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1 TO THE HONORABLE BILL CLINTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND
2 TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED:

5 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of
6 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully
7 represent and petition as follows:

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

11 WHEREAS, Taiwan, the Republic of China, has been a strong trading
12 partner of the United States and of the State of Washington, with over
13 five billion dollars in trade between Taiwan and the State of
14 Washington annually; and

15 WHEREAS, The State of Washington has chosen to recognize the
16 importance of its relationship with Taiwan, the Republic of China by
17 establishing a Trade Office in Taipei; and

18 WHEREAS, A democratic, multiparty political system has been
19 smoothly established in Taiwan in recent years; and

20 WHEREAS, The direct role of Taiwan in international development
21 programs and humanitarian relief operations has expanded significantly

1 during the past decade, often in close coordination with our nation's
2 efforts;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the United
4 States give due consideration to its beneficial commercial relationship
5 with the people of Taiwan, the Republic of China, and to Taiwan's
6 record of democratization at home and humanitarian service abroad.
7 Your memorialists further pray that the United States treat the
8 President of Taiwan and other Taiwan public officials with the respect
9 and consideration afforded to representatives of other democratic
10 nations and, further, that the United States recognize the readiness of
11 Taiwan, the Republic of China, to further contribute through broader
12 participation in the international community, including the United
13 Nations and such forums as multilateral trade associations and
14 humanitarian relief organizations.

15 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
16 transmitted to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the United
17 States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
18 House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of
19 Washington.

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