

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senators King, Fraser, Dammeier, Rolfes, Brown, Honeyford, Hobbs, Carlyle, Ranker, and Hasegawa

1 WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States are long-standing friends
2 and allies, and both cherish dearly the commonly shared values of
3 freedom, democracy, and human rights; and

4 WHEREAS, Taiwan has once again demonstrated the strength of their
5 robust and mature democratic system through the smooth implementation
6 of their elections on January 16, 2016; and

7 WHEREAS, Taiwan is the world's 18th largest economy and the 10th
8 largest trading partner—in the top four in Asia—of the United
9 States, with the two-way trade volume between the two reaching 67
10 billion United States dollars in 2014; and

11 WHEREAS, The state of Washington and Taiwan have enjoyed a long
12 and mutually beneficial relationship with the prospect of further
13 growth—Taiwan was Washington's 8th largest export market in 2014,
14 with 2.475 billion dollars' worth of Washington goods shipped to
15 Taiwan, including electric machinery, aircrafts, cereals, iron and
16 steel, inorganic chemicals, apples, cherries, sweet onions, and bulk
17 wheat;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate
19 reaffirm its commitment to the strong and deepening relationship
20 between the state of Washington and Taiwan, and support Taiwan's
21 democracy and participation in organizations that improve trade,
22 health, and public safety; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
2 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Director
3 General Andy Chin of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in
4 Seattle.

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