

SENATE RESOLUTION

8670

By Senators Wellman, Stanford, Lovick, Pedersen, Nobles, Rivers, Valdez, Torres, Kuderer, Hansen, Shewmake, C. Wilson, Warnick, L. Wilson, and Salomon

1 WHEREAS, The United States and the people of Taiwan are bonded by
2 their shared commitment to democracy, human rights, the rule of law,
3 and a free market economy; and

4 WHEREAS, Taiwan is the 9th largest trading partner of the United
5 States, with bilateral trade totaling \$135,000,000,000 in 2022, while
6 both sides welcomed the resumption of high-level trade engagement and
7 expressed a desire to work closely together; and

8 WHEREAS, In 2022, the total trade between Washington State and
9 Taiwan exceeded approximately \$3,800,000,000 worth of products,
10 making Taiwan the 7th largest trading partner for the State, and both
11 sides are committed to strengthening bilateral economic ties; and

12 WHEREAS, Taiwan is the 6th largest export destination for United
13 States agricultural goods, and has ranked among the top three
14 importers of Washington sweet cherries, potatoes, and beef; and

15 WHEREAS, Taiwanese companies which invest in Washington State,
16 including Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company, Eva Air,
17 Evergreen Marine, Yang Mine Marine Transport, and Lightel
18 Technologies, and etc., have helped to create more than 15,000 jobs
19 in this State; and

20 WHEREAS, The United States Congress passed the landmark Taiwan
21 Relation Act (TRA) in 1979 to sustain a close, bilateral relationship
22 as well as to advance mutual security and commercial interests
23 between the United States and Taiwan; and

1 WHEREAS, Washington State has resumed its office in Taiwan
2 and appointed a representative in November of 2023 to strengthen
3 the trade and investment relationship between sides; and

4 WHEREAS, The United States has assisted Taiwan in
5 participating in the World Health Organization (WHO), the
6 International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), and the
7 International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), and will
8 continue to support Taiwan's meaningful participation in these
9 and other international organizations;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

11 (1) That Washington State recognizes the importance of a
12 strong and enduring relationship with the people of Taiwan; and

13 (2) That Washington State reiterates its support for a
14 closer economic and trade relationship between the United States
15 and the people of Taiwan; and

16 (3) That Washington State supports Taiwan's participation in
17 international organizations that impact the global trade,
18 health, safety, and the well-being of the 23,000,000 people in
19 Taiwan.

20 I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate,
21 do hereby certify that this is a true and
22 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8670,
23 adopted by the Senate
24 February 28, 2024

25 SARAH BANNISTER
26 Secretary of the Senate