HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-4632, by Representatives Gregerson, Zahn, Thai, Ryu, Duerr, and Santos

WHEREAS, The people of Washington State share a rich cultural history and a strong bond with our global neighbors in Taiwan and the more than 100,000 Taiwanese Americans from Taiwan living and working in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, Taiwanese Americans living in Washington have profoundly impacted our state and continue to further the democratic values that define us as a beacon of opportunity and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Washingtonians recognize the generations of resilience, sacrifice, and hope demonstrated by Taiwanese immigrants living in Washington and their descendants in their innumerable contributions to our communities; and

WHEREAS, The people of Washington State enjoy a more vibrant heritage and economy from the bilateral cultivation of these deep ties with the people of Taiwan; and

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

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

WHEREAS, The people of Washington State value the investment of Taiwanese companies in Washington State's workforce, helping to create more than 15,000 skilled labor jobs in industries ranging from semiconductor technology, airlines, and harbor shipping to the development and manufacture of high-quality fiber optic components and video microscopes; and

WHEREAS, Washington State has resumed its office in Taiwan and appointed a representative in November of 2023 to strengthen their trade and investment relationship;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives reiterate its support for a closer economic and trade relationship between Washington State and the people of Taiwan and recognize the importance of a strong and enduring relationship between the people of Washington State and the people of Taiwan.