



2021 South Dakota Legislature

House Concurrent Resolution 6004

Introduced by: **Representative Mills**

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Celebrating the sister-state relationship with Taiwan.**

2 WHEREAS, South Dakota and Taiwan have been in a sister-state relationship since 1984;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, South Dakota and Taiwan continue to share the same values regarding
5 freedom, democracy, the rule of law, and respect for human rights; and

6 WHEREAS, in May 2020, Taiwan donated 50,000 surgical masks in support of South
7 Dakota's frontline medical workers, thereby demonstrating its willingness to stand with South
8 Dakota during the global pandemic; and

9 WHEREAS, in August 2020, Taiwan provided South Dakota's farmers and ranchers with
10 increased access to markets by lifting restrictions on the importation of beef from cattle at
11 least thirty months of age and on the importation of pork having acceptable levels of
12 ractopamine; and

13 WHEREAS, in September 2019, Taiwan promoted its bilateral trade relationship with South
14 Dakota by sending an agricultural trade mission that purchased more that \$576 million of
15 wheat; and

16 WHEREAS, South Dakota and Taiwan have enjoyed a mutually beneficial bilateral trade
17 relationship in which Taiwan ranks as South Dakota's seventh largest importer country, with
18 anticipation for continued growth; and

19 WHEREAS, negotiations for a fair and reciprocal Bilateral Trade Agreement between
20 Taiwan and the United States are an important step toward further strengthening bilateral
21 trade and thereby increasing South Dakota's exports to Taiwan; and

1 WHEREAS, Taiwan, as a responsible stakeholder in the international community, is seeking
2 to meaningfully participate in protecting health and to meaningfully participate in the
3 International Civil Aviation Organization:

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Sixth
5 Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that South Dakota
6 praises Taiwan's vibrant democracy; supports the signing of a Bilateral Trade Agreement with
7 Taiwan; welcomes the promise of even closer trade and investment ties; supports Taiwan's
8 participation in international organizations that are significant to the health, safety, and well-
9 being of its people; and heartily celebrates the thirty-seventh anniversary of its sister-state
10 relationship with Taiwan.