

2023 South Dakota Legislature House Concurrent Resolution 6011

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

2 <u>WHEREAS, South Dakota and Taiwan have been in a sister-state relationship since 1984;</u>

- 3 <u>and</u>
- 4 <u>WHEREAS, South Dakota and Taiwan continue to share the same values regarding</u>

5 freedom, democracy, the rule of law, and respect for human rights; and

6 <u>WHEREAS, South Dakota and Taiwan have enjoyed a mutually beneficial bilateral trade</u>

7 <u>relationship, in which Taiwan is South Dakota's seventh largest import partner, and continued</u>

8 growth in that relationship is anticipated; and

9 WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States have been involved in negotiations under the

10 U.S.-Taiwan Initiative on 21-Century Trade, which was launched on June 1, 2022, and which

11 will incentivize innovation and inclusive economic growth between South Dakota and Taiwan;

12 <u>and</u>

13 WHEREAS, Taiwan is a contributor to peace and stability in the global community, a

14 provider of aid, and a hi-tech and green energy manufacturing hub, and is seeking to

15 meaningfully participate in the World Health Organization, the United Nations Framework

16 Convention on Climate Change, the International Civil Aviation Organization, and the Indo-

17 <u>Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity:</u>

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Eighth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that South Dakota praises Taiwan's vibrant democracy; supports the further strengthening of our trade relationships and academic exchanges; supports Taiwan's inclusion in the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity and other international organizations that are significant

- 1 to the health, safety, and wellbeing of all people; and heartily celebrates the thirty-ninth
- 2 <u>anniversary of its sister-state relationship with Taiwan.</u>

3