



2024 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Concurrent Resolution 601

Introduced by: **Senator** Zikmund

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 have enjoyed a mutually beneficial bilateral trade
5 relationship, in which Taiwan is a major trade partner of South Dakota, and continued growth
6 in that relationship is anticipated; and

7 WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States completed the first signing of agreements for
8 the U.S.-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade on June 1, 2023, addressing customs
9 administration and trade facilitation, regulatory practices, anticorruption, and small and
10 medium enterprises. The second round of negotiations, which began in August, have focused
11 on agriculture and harnessing the benefits of digital trade; and

12 WHEREAS, Taiwan is a contributor to peace and stability in the global community, a
13 provider of aid, and a hi-tech and green energy manufacturing hub, and is seeking to
14 meaningfully participate in the World Health Organization, the United Nations Framework
15 Convention on Climate Change, the International Civil Aviation Organization, the International
16 Criminal Police Organization, and the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Ninety-Ninth Legislature of the
18 State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that South Dakota
19 commends Taiwan's vibrant democracy; supports the further strengthening of our trade
20 relationships and academic exchanges; supports Taiwan's inclusion in the Indo-Pacific
21 Economic Framework for Prosperity and other international organizations that are significant
22 to the health, safety, and wellbeing of all people; and heartily celebrates its sister-state
23 relationship with Taiwan.