



## 2025 South Dakota Legislature

# Senate Concurrent Resolution 602

Introduced by: **Senator** Zikmund

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

2 WHEREAS, South Dakota and Taiwan, which share the values of freedom, democracy, rule  
3 of law, and respect for human rights, have been in a sister-state relationship since 1984;  
4 and

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

8 WHEREAS, in June of 2024, Lieutenant Governor Larry Rhoden led a trade delegation of  
9 state officials and industry leaders to Taiwan, to explore trade opportunities in high-tech  
10 industries; and

11 WHEREAS, on June 28, 2024, South Dakota State University and National Chung Hsing  
12 University signed an academic cooperation agreement to expand academic collaboration and  
13 bilateral exchanges in the agricultural sector; and

14 WHEREAS, the Republic of China, which is also known as Taiwan, has been a sovereign  
15 state for over one hundred years, and the People's Republic of China's so-called "One China  
16 Principle," is baseless; and

17 WHEREAS, the negotiation of a fair and reciprocal bilateral trade agreement between  
18 Taiwan and the United States is an important step toward strengthening mutual investment  
19 between South Dakota and Taiwan;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the One Hundredth Legislature of  
21 the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that South  
22 Dakota celebrates the 41st anniversary of its sister-state relationship with Taiwan; supports  
23 the further strengthening of trade relations and academic exchanges between South Dakota  
24 and Taiwan; supports the signing of the Agreement on Avoidance of Double Taxation between

- 1 the United States and Taiwan; supports Taiwan's inclusion in the Indo-Pacific Economic
- 2 Framework for Prosperity and other international organizations which are significant to the
- 3 health, safety, and well-being of all people; and commends Taiwan's vibrant democracy.