



2026 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 enjoy a close partnership built on a shared dedication
3 to freedom, democracy, and the market economy, and have been in a sister-state relationship
4 since 1984; and

5 WHEREAS, South Dakota and Taiwan have a mutually beneficial bilateral trade
6 relationship, which was reaffirmed in September 2025 when the Taiwan Agricultural Trade
7 Goodwill Mission visited South Dakota and met with Governor Larry Rhoden to discuss ways
8 to maintain close trade relations between South Dakota and Taiwan; and

9 WHEREAS, in September 2025 the Taiwan Flour Mills Association signed a letter of intent
10 with the South Dakota Wheat Commission to purchase wheat, further strengthening the
11 economic bonds between South Dakota and Taiwan; and

12 WHEREAS, efforts such as the U.S.-Taiwan Economic Prosperity Partnership Dialogue, the
13 U.S.-Taiwan Initiative on 21st Century Trade, and the Taiwan Agricultural Trade Goodwill
14 Mission have laid the foundation for a bilateral trade agreement between Taiwan and the
15 United States, which would be an important step toward strengthening mutual investment
16 between South Dakota and Taiwan;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the One Hundred First Legislature
18 of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that South
19 Dakota celebrates the 42nd anniversary of its sister-state relationship with Taiwan; supports
20 the further strengthening of trade relations and academic exchanges between South Dakota
21 and Taiwan; supports the signing of the Agreement on Avoidance of Double Taxation between
22 the United States and Taiwan; supports Taiwan's inclusion in international organizations that
23 are significant to the health, safety, and well-being of all people; and commends Taiwan's
24 vibrant democracy.