

State of South Dakota

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2017

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1007

Introduced by: Representatives Rounds, Ahlers, Anderson, Bartels, Bartling, Beal, Bordeaux, Brunner, Campbell, Carson, Chase, Clark, Conzet, Dennert, DiSanto, Duvall, Frye-Mueller, Glanzer, Goodwin, Gosch, Greenfield (Lana), Hagggar, Haugaard, Hawley, Heinemann, Holmes, Howard, Hunhoff, Jamison, Jensen (Kevin), Johns, Johnson, Kaiser, Karr, Kettwig, Lake, Latterell, Lesmeister, Livermont, Lust, Marty, May, McCleerey, McPherson, Mickelson, Mills, Otten (Herman), Peterson (Kent), Peterson (Sue), Pischke, Qualm, Rasmussen, Reed, Rhoden, Ring, Rozum, Schaefer, Schoenfish, Smith, Soli, Steinhauer, Stevens, Tieszen, Tulson, Turbiville, Wiese, Willadsen, Wismer, York, and Zikmund and Senators Cammack, Bolin, Cronin, Curd, Ewing, Frerichs, Greenfield (Brock), Haverly, Heinert, Jensen (Phil), Kennedy, Killer, Klumb, Kolbeck, Langer, Maher, Monroe, Nelson, Nesiba, Netherton, Novstrup, Otten (Ernie), Partridge, Peters, Rusch, Russell, Soholt, Solano, Stalzer, Sutton, Tapio, Tidemann, White, Wiik, and Youngberg

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Strengthening and expanding sister-state ties between
2 South Dakota and Taiwan; supporting the signing of a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and a
3 Bilateral Investment Agreement (BIA) with the United States; and reaffirming support for
4 increasing Taiwan's international profile.

5 WHEREAS, the State of South Dakota and Taiwan entered into a sister-state relationship
6 in 1984; and

7 WHEREAS, the bonds of true friendship and mutually beneficial trade partnership between
8 the State of South Dakota and Taiwan have been strengthened, resulting in strong economic,
9 social, tourism, and cultural exchanges; and



1 WHEREAS, negotiations for a Bilateral Investment Agreement between Taiwan and the
2 United States are an important step toward further strengthening bilateral trade and paving the
3 way for entering into a Free Trade Agreement between our countries, thereby increasing South
4 Dakota's exports to Taiwan and promoting bilateral investment; and

5 WHEREAS, Taiwan, as a responsible stakeholder in the international community, is
6 seeking to meaningfully participate in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the
7 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and the International
8 Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL);

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-
10 Second Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the
11 Legislature supports Taiwan's mature and vital democracy as well as celebrates the thirty-third
12 anniversary of sister-state relations with Taiwan; endorses the signing of a Free Trade
13 Agreement (FTA) and a Bilateral Investment Agreement (BIA) with the United States; and
14 continues to support Taiwan's appropriate participation in international organizations impacting
15 the health, safety, and well-being of its people.