

# State of South Dakota

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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

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

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Strengthening the sister-state ties between the State of  
2 South Dakota and the Republic of China (Taiwan), supporting the signing of a Bilateral  
3 Trade Agreement between Taiwan and 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, Taiwan shares the same values of freedom, democracy, rule of law, and respect  
8 for human rights with South Dakota; and

9 WHEREAS, South Dakota and Taiwan have enjoyed a long and mutually beneficial



1 relationship and anticipate continuing growth; and

2 WHEREAS, negotiations for a fair and reciprocal Bilateral Trade Agreement between  
3 Taiwan and the United States are an important step toward further strengthening bilateral trade,  
4 thereby increasing South Dakota's exports to Taiwan and promoting two-way investment; and

5 WHEREAS, Taiwan honored fifty-two South Dakota veterans who served in Taiwan during  
6 1955-1979 with the presentation of the "U.S.-R.O.C. Mutual Defense Commemorative Badge"  
7 in August 2017, demonstrating that Taiwan is a longtime and firm ally of the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, Taiwan, as a responsible stakeholder and contributor in the international  
9 community, is seeking to meaningfully participate in the World Health Organization,  
10 International Civil Aviation Organization, and International Criminal Police Organization:

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Ninety-Third Legislature  
12 of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the  
13 Legislature praises Taiwan's mature and vital democracy, as well as celebrates the thirty-fourth  
14 anniversary of sister-state relations with Taiwan; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature supports the signing for a Bilateral  
16 Trade Agreement with Taiwan and welcomes even closer bilateral trade and investment ties;  
17 and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature supports Taiwan's appropriate  
19 participation in international organizations that impact the health, safety, and well-being of its  
20 people.