

2020 South Dakota Legislature

House Concurrent Resolution 6009

Introduced by: **Representative** Rounds

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Strengthening the sister-state ties between the State of South Dakota and Taiwan; supporting the signing of a Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) between Taiwan and the United States; and reaffirming support for increasing Taiwan's international participation.

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

6 <u>in 1984; and</u>

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, on January 11, 2020, Taiwan held its seventh direct presidential election,
- 10 demonstrating the strength and vitality of its democratic system and expressing that Taiwan
- 11 is a beacon of democracy in Asia; and

12 WHEREAS, Taiwan sent an Agricultural Trade Goodwill Mission to South Dakota in

13 September 2019 to purchase wheat and the total value of this trip to the United States was

14 <u>\$576 million, which has further promoted the bilateral trade relationship between South</u>

15 Dakota and Taiwan; and

16 WHEREAS, South Dakota and Taiwan have enjoyed a mutually beneficial bilateral trade

17 relationship and anticipate continuing growth, with Taiwan ranking as South Dakota's seventh

18 largest import country in 2018; and

19 WHEREAS, negotiations for a fair and reciprocal Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) between

20 <u>Taiwan and the United States are an important step toward further strengthening bilateral</u>

21 trade, thereby increasing South Dakota's exports to Taiwan; and

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1	WHEREAS, Taiwan, as a responsible stakeholder in the international community, is seeking
2	to meaningfully participate in the World Health Organization (WHO) and International Civil
3	Aviation Organization (ICAO):
4	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Fifth
5	Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that South Dakota
6	praises Taiwan's vibrant democracy as well as celebrates the thirty-sixth anniversary of sister-
7	state relations with Taiwan; and
8	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that South Dakota supports the signing for a Bilateral Trade
9	Agreement with Taiwan and welcomes even closer bilateral trade and investment ties; and
10	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that South Dakota supports Taiwan's appropriate participation
11	in international organizations which are significant to the health, safety, and well-being of its
12	people.