HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6010

A RESOLUTION strengthening the sister-state ties between the State of Kansas and Taiwan and reaffirming support for Taiwan's international participation.

WHEREAS, The State of Kansas and Taiwan have enjoyed a mutually beneficial sister-state relationship since 1989; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan shares the same values of freedom, democracy, rule of law and respect for human rights with Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Kansas and Taiwan enjoy mutually beneficial bilateral trade relations, with Taiwan ranking as Kansas's 6th largest import country and 12th largest export destination in 2023; and

WHEREAS, The University of Kansas has initiated a three-academic-year collaborative program on Mandarin Learning and Teaching with the National Sun Yet-Sen University under Taiwan's BEST program, sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of China (Taiwan), and bilateral student exchange program between the National Chung Hsing University and the Kansas State University, sponsored by the Kansas Department of Agriculture and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of China (Taiwan); and

WHEREAS, Negotiations for a fair and reciprocal bilateral trade agreement between Taiwan and the United States is an important step toward further strengthening bilateral trade and mutual investment between Kansas and Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan, as a responsible stakeholder in the international community, is seeking to meaningfully participate in the United Nations, the International Criminal Police Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization and the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity launched by the United States: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That Kansas commends Taiwan's vibrant democracy and celebrates the 36th anniversary of sister-state relations with Taiwan; and

Be it further resolved: That Kansas supports the further strengthening of Kansas-Taiwan trade relations and academic exchanges; and

Be it further resolved: That Kansas supports the signing of the Agreement on Avoidance of Double Taxation between the United States and Taiwan to further bilateral investment activities; and

Be it further resolved: That Kansas supports Taiwan's inclusion in international organizations that are significant to the health, safety and well-being of its people.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

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Speaker of the House.

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Chief Clerk of the House.