HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6042

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

WHEREAS, Kansas and Taiwan enjoy mutually beneficial trade relations, as demonstrated by Taiwan being among Kansas' top import and export partners in 2025 and having Taiwan's 2025 SelectUSA Drone Delegation visit Wichita, Kansas, in May to explore investment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, The University of Kansas has initiated a three-academic-year collaborative program on Mandarin learning and teaching with the National Sun Yat-sen University under the Taiwan Huayu BEST program, sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of China (Taiwan), and the 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, The Republic of China (Taiwan), has been a sovereign state for over 100 years, but the People's Republic of China maliciously distorts the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2758, thereby obstructing Taiwan's international participation; and

WHEREAS, The various bilateral mechanisms and exchanges, including the Taiwan-US Economic Prosperity Partnership Dialogue (EPPD), the US-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade, the Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA), the SelectUSA Investment Summit, the US Business Day and the Agricultural Trade Goodwill Mission, have laid the foundation for a mutually beneficial bilateral trade agreement that include mutual investments 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 World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCC), the International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol), the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) 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 37th anniversary of the sister-state relationship with Taiwan; and

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

Be it further resolved: That Kansas supports the signing of the Agreement of 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

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.