

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1849

A RESOLUTION supporting a Taiwan-United States free trade agreement.

WHEREAS, Kansas and Taiwan share a long and mutually beneficial trade relationship; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas agricultural industry has benefited greatly over the last 20 years from the sale of wheat, corn and beef into Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, The market potential for Kansas products into the Greater China Economic Area through Taiwan is positive; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States enjoy one of the most important economic and strategic international relationships that exists today; and

WHEREAS, Together, Taiwan and the United States promote a shared belief in freedom, democracy and market principles; and

WHEREAS, The level of mutual investment between Taiwan and the United States is quite high; and

WHEREAS, Streamlined foreign investment procedures developed under a Taiwan-United States free trade agreement would lead to further investment by firms in both Taiwan and the United States and would create new business opportunities and new jobs; and

WHEREAS, A Taiwan-United States free trade agreement would encourage greater innovations and manufacturing efficiencies by stimulating joint technological development, practical applications and new cooperative ventures; and

WHEREAS, A Taiwan-United States free trade agreement would build on the existing strong relations between Taiwan and the United States to simultaneously boost Taiwan's democracy and serve the broader interests of the United States in the Asia-Pacific region: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we support the negotiations of a Taiwan-United States free trade agreement; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to send an enrolled copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of State, the United States Secretary of Commerce, the United States Trade Representative and to each member of the Kansas Congressional Delegation.

Senate Resolution No. 1849 was sponsored by Senators Derek Schmidt and Chris Steineger.

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

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*