

## House Concurrent Resolution No. 5027

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10 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION endorsing Taiwan's participation as  
11 an observer in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)  
12 and United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change  
13 (UNFCCC).  
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15 WHEREAS, Civil aviation plays a pivotal role in promoting cultural  
16 exchange, business, trade and tourism; and

17 WHEREAS, The development of international civil aviation in a safe  
18 and orderly manner is the supreme cause of the International Civil Avi-  
19 ation Organization (ICAO); and

20 WHEREAS, Taiwan is the world's 20th largest economy, the 18th  
21 largest trading country and a key air transport hub linking Northeast and  
22 Southeast Asia; and

23 WHEREAS, Over 174,000 international flights travel to and from Tai-  
24 wan, with foreign passengers making around 3.8 million trips to the island  
25 every year and over 35 million passengers, including 25.39 million pas-  
26 sengers on international flights, arrived and departed from Taiwan's air-  
27 ports in 2008; and

28 WHEREAS, Without Taiwan's participation, international flight plans,  
29 regulations and procedures that the ICAO formulates will be incomplete  
30 and unsafe: Now, therefore,

31 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas,*  
32 *the Senate concurring therein:* That the Kansas legislature endorses Tai-  
33 wan's participation in the International Civil Aviation Organization as an  
34 observer; and

35 *Be it further resolved:* That the Kansas legislature is supportive of all  
36 efforts to grant Taiwan official observer status at the United Nations  
37 Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) ~~because climate~~  
38 ~~change has become a global challenge, as a collaborative partner of the~~  
39 ~~United States on a wide range of public issues, Taiwan should be afforded~~  
40 ~~the opportunity to participate in the global efforts aimed at reducing~~  
41 ~~carbon emissions, preventing global warming and natural disasters;~~ and

42 *Be it further resolved:* That copies of this resolution be sent to the  
43 United States Secretary of State, the United States Secretary of Trans-

1 portation and to each member of the Kansas Congressional Delegation  
2 and to the Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office  
3 in Kansas City.