

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1734

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, On January 13, 2024, Taiwan held its 8th direct presidential election, demonstrating the strength and vitality of its democratic system and confirming Taiwan's status as a beacon of democracy in Asia; and

WHEREAS, Kansas and Taiwan enjoy mutually beneficial bilateral trade relations, with Taiwan ranking as Kansas' 3rd largest import country and 11th largest export destination in 2022; and

WHEREAS, The University of Kansas has initiated a three-year academic collaborative program on Mandarin Learning and Teaching with the National Sun Yet-Sen University under the Taiwan Huayu BEST program, sponsored by Taiwan's Ministry of Education; 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 World Health Organization, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the International Criminal Police Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization and the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity launched by United States: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That Kansas commends and applauds Taiwan's vibrant democracy and celebrates the 35th 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 reaffirms its support of Taiwan's inclusion in international organizations that are significant to the health, safety and well-being of its people; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send four enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Alley.

Senate Resolution No. 1734 was sponsored by Senators Masterson, Wilborn and Alley.

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

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.