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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
12 TO SUPPORT THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S (TAIWAN'S) MEANINGFUL
13 PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, A UNITED STATES-
14 TAIWAN BILATERAL INVESTMENT AGREEMENT AND TAIWAN'S
15 PARTICIPATION IN THE TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP.

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17 WHEREAS, the Republic of China (Taiwan) became Asia's
18 first republic in 1911 and, over the past two decades, has been
19 praised as a beacon of democracy for Asia, having made great
20 strides toward entering the world arena as a trusted partner;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Taiwan is not currently permitted to join many
23 international organizations, which prevents the country from
24 making significant contributions in such areas as economics,
25 aviation, health and climate; and

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1 WHEREAS, a delegation from Taiwan was invited to
2 participate in the thirty-eighth international civil aviation
3 organization assembly, which was the first time since Taiwan
4 was excluded from assembly meetings in 1971, as guests of the
5 council president; and

6 WHEREAS, Taiwan's absence from international organizations
7 dealing with airline safety and security has left a gap in the
8 international aviation security system, as Taiwan is a key
9 transport hub in the Asia-Pacific region and has one of the
10 world's largest airports by cargo volume, Taoyuan international
11 airport; and

12 WHEREAS, meaningful participation by the government of
13 Taiwan as an observer in the international civil aviation
14 organization meetings and activities will contribute both to
15 the fulfillment of that organization's overarching mission and
16 to the success of a global strategy to address aviation
17 security threats based on effective international cooperation;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, although Taiwan has yet to be permitted
20 participation as an observer in the United Nations framework
21 convention on climate change process, it still aspires to be a
22 part of global efforts to protect the environment for future
23 generations; and

24 WHEREAS, since May 2009, Taiwan's department of health has
25 been invited for five consecutive years to attend the world

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1 health assembly as an observer under the designation "Chinese
2 Taipei"; and

3 WHEREAS, Taiwan, which stands as the United States'
4 eleventh-largest trading partner, and the United States, which
5 stands as Taiwan's third-largest trading partner, have engaged
6 in high-level ministerial discussions under the trade and
7 investment framework agreement in order to move toward a
8 bilateral investment agreement; and

9 WHEREAS, Taiwan actively seeks meaningful ways to improve
10 trade relations with other nations, especially the United
11 States, by preparing for induction into the Trans-Pacific
12 partnership in order to create greater multilateral interaction
13 in the Asia-Pacific region; and

14 WHEREAS, Taiwan signed the 2010 Economic Cooperation
15 Framework Agreement and the 2013 Cross-Strait Service Trade
16 Agreement on Trade in Services with mainland China, making
17 Taiwan the most viable gateway for American enterprises aimed
18 at the Asia-Pacific market as well as an established business
19 hub for foreign enterprises; and

20 WHEREAS, Taiwan hopes that trade relations with the United
21 States will ultimately lead to a free trade agreement, which
22 would usher in an unprecedented level of commercial prosperity
23 and transparency between the two nations; and

24 WHEREAS, a United States-Taiwan bilateral investment
25 agreement or free trade agreement will strengthen economic

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1 growth for both nations, as well as provide a gateway into
2 Taiwan and mainland China for American foreign direct
3 investment; and

4 WHEREAS, as of 2013, Taiwan ranks first in foreign direct
5 investment to mainland China, third to Vietnam and Thailand and
6 fourth to Malaysia; and

7 WHEREAS, Taiwan signed free trade agreements respectively
8 with New Zealand and Singapore in 2013, and signed a bilateral
9 investment agreement with Japan in 2011; and

10 WHEREAS, Taiwan seeks to contribute to peace, freedom and
11 security in the world as a responsible stakeholder and
12 peaceable nation of twenty-three million citizens through
13 Taiwanese policies such as "viable diplomacy" in foreign
14 affairs and its pragmatic approach to relations with mainland
15 China; and

16 WHEREAS, former United States Secretary of State Hillary
17 Clinton publicly acknowledged Taiwan as an important economic
18 and security partner of the United States at the 2011 Asia-
19 Pacific economic cooperation conference; and

20 WHEREAS, Taiwan was designated as a participant in the
21 United States visa waiver program in 2012, mutually benefitting
22 bilateral economic and cultural exchanges between Taiwan and
23 the United States; and

24 WHEREAS, New Mexico has had a strong economic and cultural
25 relationship with Taiwan since establishing sister-state

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1 relations in 1985 and sister-city relations between Albuquerque
2 and Hualien city in 1983; and

3 WHEREAS, a New Mexico state legislature delegation
4 consisting of senators Mary Kay Papen, Cisco McSorley, Steven
5 P. Neville, Sander Rue and Benny Shendo, Jr., representatives
6 Sharon Clahchischilliage, Doreen Y. Gallegos, Rodolpho "Rudy"
7 S. Martinez, Debbie A. Rodella, Christine Trujillo and Monica
8 Youngblood and Ms. Erlinda Campbell conducted an official visit
9 to Taiwan in April 2013, recognizing Taiwan's democratic and
10 economic achievements as well as the importance for New Mexico
11 government to bolster future bilateral economic and trade
12 exchanges with Taiwan;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
14 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the congress and the president of the
15 United States be requested to support the efforts of Taiwan to
16 be granted observer status by certain international
17 organizations and agreements, including the international civil
18 aviation organization, the United Nations framework convention
19 on climate change and the world health organization; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the congress and the president
21 of the United States be requested to support Taiwan's
22 participation in the Trans-Pacific partnership and continuing
23 trade and investment framework agreement talks discussing the
24 signing of a bilateral investment agreement with the United
25 States; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
2 transmitted to the president of the United States, to the
3 United States secretary of state, to the members of New
4 Mexico's congressional delegation and to the United States
5 trade representative; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state of New Mexico
7 continue to support economic, cultural and trade exchanges with
8 Taiwan through an official trade delegation visit to Taiwan for
9 the purpose of enhancing New Mexico's economic outreach to the
10 Asia-Pacific market.