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STRENGTHENING RELATIONS BETWEEN NEW MEXICO AND TAIWAN.

WHEREAS, New Mexico and the Republic of China, also known as Taiwan, established sister-state relations thirty-three years ago, resulting in various mutual agreements; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, New Mexico's exports to Taiwan reached five million two hundred forty thousand dollars (\$5,240,000), making Taiwan New Mexico's tenth-largest export market in Asia; and

WHEREAS, the bilateral trade between New Mexico and Taiwan has reached fifty-one million five hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$51,580,000), and eight hundred eighteen jobs in New Mexico are supported by Taiwan-affiliated companies and industries related to the export of goods and services to Taiwan; and

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1           WHEREAS, Taiwan is the tenth-largest trading partner of  
2 the United States and the second-largest buyer of agricultural  
3 products from the United States, with a two-way trade volume of  
4 sixty-five billion three hundred million dollars  
5 (\$65,300,000,000) in 2016 that supports an estimated three  
6 hundred twenty-nine thousand eight hundred fifty-three jobs in  
7 the United States; and

8           WHEREAS, the signing of a bilateral trade agreement  
9 between the United States and Taiwan would foster a more open  
10 and fair trade environment, thereby creating greater export and  
11 investment opportunities between markets, stimulating mutual  
12 economic growth and significantly increasing business  
13 opportunities for both countries; and

14           WHEREAS, the United States supports Taiwan's participation  
15 in international organizations such as the world health  
16 organization, the international civil aviation organization,  
17 the United Nations framework convention on climate change and  
18 the international criminal police organization; and

19           WHEREAS, the New Mexico legislature passed joint memorials  
20 in support of Taiwan's international participation in 2013,  
21 2014, 2015 and 2017; and

22           WHEREAS, Taiwan has signed agreements with twenty-six  
23 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and Guam for  
24 mutual recognition of driver's licenses without requiring  
25 written and road tests; and



