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A MEMORIAL

SUPPORTING STRENGTHENING RELATIONS BETWEEN NEW MEXICO, THE UNITED STATES AND TAIWAN IN TRADE, THE EXCHANGE OF VISITS BY OFFICIALS AND SUPPORTING TAIWAN'S PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

WHEREAS, the trade in goods and services between the United States and the Republic of China, also known as Taiwan, totaled an estimated one hundred three billion nine hundred million dollars (\$103,900,000,000) in 2019, with forty-two billion three hundred million dollars (\$42,300,000,000) in exports and sixty-one billion six hundred million dollars (\$61,600,000,000) in imports, ranking Taiwan as the tenth-largest trading partner of the United States; and

WHEREAS, overall, Taiwan supports more than three hundred seventy-three thousand two hundred eighty-eight jobs in the

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1 United States; and

2 WHEREAS, Taiwan was New Mexico's nineteenth-largest export
3 market in 2019, with a total of fifteen million three hundred
4 fifty thousand dollars (\$15,350,000) in exports from New
5 Mexico; and

6 WHEREAS, in total, more than one thousand two hundred nine
7 jobs in New Mexico are supported by Taiwan-affiliated companies
8 and the exports of goods and services to Taiwan; and

9 WHEREAS, one hundred fifty-seven members of congress
10 signed a letter to United States trade representative Robert E.
11 Lighthizer on December 19, 2019, and fifty United States
12 senators signed an additional letter to him on October 1, 2020,
13 both encouraging the United States government to work toward
14 initiating negotiations on a bilateral trade agreement with
15 Taiwan, which would foster a more open and fair trade
16 environment, thereby creating greater export and investment
17 opportunities between the two countries; and

18 WHEREAS, Taiwan's Admiral cable located operations in
19 Santa Teresa, New Mexico, in 2018, and Xxentria and Cymmetrik
20 followed in 2020, creating three hundred forty-two, thirty-five
21 and ten jobs, respectively, with the expectation that more
22 Taiwan-based companies will invest in New Mexico in the years
23 to come; and

24 WHEREAS, on July 12, 2013, the president of the United
25 States signed into law H.R.1151, an act supporting Taiwan's

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1 participation as an observer in the international civil
2 aviation organization; and

3 WHEREAS, on March 18, 2016, the president of the United
4 States signed into law S.2426, an act directing the United
5 States secretary of state to develop a strategy to obtain
6 observer status for Taiwan in the international criminal police
7 organization; and

8 WHEREAS, on March 26, 2020, the president of the United
9 States signed into law S.1678, an act stating that it should be
10 the policy of the United States to advocate, as appropriate,
11 for Taiwan's membership in all international organizations in
12 which statehood is not a requirement and in which the United
13 States is also a participant, and for Taiwan to be granted
14 observer status in other appropriate international
15 organizations; and

16 WHEREAS, Taiwan has received global recognition as a
17 success story in combating the coronavirus disease 2019, and
18 can provide expertise and humanitarian aid to affected states
19 in the United States, including New Mexico; and

20 WHEREAS, Taiwan's inclusion in the world health
21 organization could benefit the entire human race; and

22 WHEREAS, joint memorials in support of Taiwan's
23 participation in international organizations and United Nations
24 specialized agencies have been introduced in the New Mexico
25 legislature in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018 and 2019; and

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1 WHEREAS, the Taiwan Travel Act, enacted on March 16, 2018,
2 allows officials at all levels of the federal government to
3 travel to Taiwan to meet their Taiwanese counterparts and
4 allows high-level Taiwanese officials to enter the United
5 States; and

6 WHEREAS, New Mexico legislators are urged to support the
7 negotiation of a United States and Taiwan bilateral trade
8 agreement and Taiwan's participation in international
9 organizations; and

10 WHEREAS, achievements made by New Mexico and Taiwan have
11 been acknowledged in the fields of economy, trade, technology,
12 education and culture since the establishment of their
13 sister-state relations on August 14, 1985; and

14 WHEREAS, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham and New Mexico
15 legislators are encouraged to lead delegations to Taiwan to
16 advance bilateral trade and investment opportunities between
17 New Mexico and Taiwan, and tourism, cultural and educational
18 exchange opportunities between New Mexico and Taiwan in the
19 future, including the signing of a memorandum of understanding
20 on economic cooperation and trade relations between New Mexico
21 and Taiwan;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
23 OF NEW MEXICO that it support strengthening relations between
24 New Mexico, the United States and Taiwan in trade, the exchange
25 of visits by officials and support of organizations; 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, the governor
3 of New Mexico, members of New Mexico's congressional
4 delegation, the United States secretary of state and the United
5 States trade representative.

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