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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 of goods and services between the United States and the Republic of China, also known as Taiwan, totaled an estimated one hundred five billion nine hundred million dollars (\$105,900,000,000) in 2020, with thirty-nine billion one hundred million dollars (\$39,100,000,000) in exports, excluding military sales, and sixty-six billion seven hundred million dollars (\$66,700,000,000) in imports, ranking Taiwan as the ninth-largest trading partner of the United States; and

WHEREAS, overall, Taiwan supports more than three hundred

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1 seventy-three thousand two hundred eighty-eight jobs in the
2 United States; and

3 WHEREAS, Taiwan was New Mexico's eleventh-largest export
4 market in 2020, with a total of twenty-nine million five
5 hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$29,580,000) in exports from
6 New Mexico; and

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

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

20 WHEREAS, the United States under secretary of state for
21 economic growth, energy and the environment and Taiwan's
22 ministers of economic affairs and science and technology
23 jointly led the second annual United States-Taiwan economic
24 prosperity partnership dialogue on November 22, 2021, featuring
25 extensive discussions on supply chain resiliency, countering

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1 economic coercion, promoting the digital economy, strengthening
2 fifth generation wireless network security and advancing
3 collaboration in a variety of science and technology areas; and

4 WHEREAS, Taiwan's Admiral cable located operations in
5 Santa Teresa, New Mexico, in 2018, and Xxentria and Cymmetrik
6 followed in 2020, creating three hundred forty-two, thirty-five
7 and ten jobs, respectively, with the expectation that more
8 Taiwan-based companies will invest in New Mexico in the years
9 to come; and

10 WHEREAS, Taiwan's bureau of foreign trade, ministry of
11 economic affairs and the New Mexico economic development
12 department signed a memorandum of understanding on trade and
13 economic cooperation on October 5, 2021, aiming to foster
14 further economic engagement and establish or expand operations
15 and supply chain cooperation between Taiwan and New Mexico; and

16 WHEREAS, on July 12, 2013, the president of the United
17 States signed into law H.R. 1151, an act supporting Taiwan's
18 participation as an observer in the international civil
19 aviation organization; and

20 WHEREAS, on March 18, 2016, the president of the United
21 States signed into law S. 2426, an act directing the United
22 States secretary of state to develop a strategy to obtain
23 observer status for Taiwan in the international criminal police
24 organization; and

25 WHEREAS, on March 26, 2020, the president of the United

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1 States signed into law S. 1678, an act stating that it should
2 be the policy of the United States to advocate, as appropriate,
3 for Taiwan's membership in all international organizations in
4 which statehood is not a requirement and in which the United
5 States is also a participant, and for Taiwan to be granted
6 observer status in other appropriate international
7 organizations; and

8 WHEREAS, the United States secretary of state issued a
9 statement on October 26, 2021, encouraging all United Nations
10 member states to join in supporting Taiwan's robust, meaningful
11 participation throughout the United Nations system and in the
12 international community; and

13 WHEREAS, Ms. Bi-khim Hsiao, Taiwan's representative to the
14 United States, and Taiwan's digital minister, Ms. Audrey Tang,
15 were invited to attend the "summit for democracy" hosted by
16 President Joe Biden on December 9 and 10, 2021; and

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

21 WHEREAS, the Taiwan Travel Act, enacted on March 16, 2018,
22 allows officials at all levels of the federal government to
23 travel to Taiwan to meet their Taiwanese counterparts and
24 allows high-level Taiwanese officials to enter the United
25 States; and

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1 WHEREAS, New Mexico legislators are urged to support the
2 negotiation of a United States-Taiwan bilateral trade agreement
3 and Taiwan's participation in international organizations; and

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

8 WHEREAS, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham and New Mexico
9 legislators are encouraged to lead delegations to Taiwan to
10 advance bilateral trade and investment opportunities between
11 New Mexico and Taiwan, and tourism, cultural and educational
12 exchange opportunities between New Mexico and Taiwan in the
13 future, including the signing of a memorandum of understanding
14 on economic cooperation and trade relations between New Mexico
15 and Taiwan;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
17 OF NEW MEXICO that the senate support strengthening relations
18 between New Mexico, the United States and Taiwan in trade, the
19 exchange of visits by officials and support of organizations;
20 and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
22 transmitted to the president of the United States, the governor
23 of New Mexico, members of New Mexico's congressional
24 delegation, the United States secretary of state and the United
25 States trade representative.

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