

**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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Whereas, The Republic of China (Taiwan) and the United States, in particular the state of Indiana, share a sister-state relationship marked by strong bilateral trade, educational and cultural exchange, and tourism;

Whereas, Taiwan shares with the United States and Indiana the common values of freedom, democracy, human rights, and the rule of law;

Whereas, The United States ranks as Taiwan's third largest trading partner while Taiwan is the eleventh largest trading partner of the United States with bilateral trade reaching \$63,000,000,000 in 2012;

Whereas, Taiwan and Indiana have enjoyed a long and mutually beneficial relationship with the prospect of future growth;

Whereas, Taiwan was Indiana's 8th largest export market in Asia in 2012 with \$235,600,000 worth of Indiana goods exported to Taiwan, which is 9 percent growth over 2011;

Whereas, Negotiations for a Bilateral Investment Agreement (BIA) between Taiwan and the United States are



an important step toward further strengthening bilateral trade and paving the way for entering into a Free Trade Agreement between our countries, thereby increasing Indiana's exports to Taiwan and creating bilateral investment and technical collaboration through tariff reduction and other trade facilitation measures; and

Whereas, Taiwan, seeking greater regional integration in the Asia-Pacific region and promotion of bilateral investment and trade relations with the United States, welcomes the opportunity presented by the United States announcement at the 2011 APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting of the United States' intent not only to join the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), the proposed 21st century trade agreement between the United States and 11 other Asia-Pacific Rim countries, but to expand TPP membership in the future to include other countries such as Taiwan: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly reaffirms its
2 commitment to the strong and deepening sister-state relationship
3 between Taiwan and the State of Indiana.
4 SECTION 2. That the Indiana General Assembly supports Taiwan's
5 efforts to secure entry to the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), welcome
6 the signing of the Bilateral Investment Agreement (BIA) and Free
7 Trade Agreement (FTA) with the United States.
8 SECTION 3. That the Indiana General Assembly supports Taiwan's
9 appropriate participation in international organizations which impact
10 the health, safety, and well-being of Taiwan.
11 SECTION 4. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
12 Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to the members of the
13 Indiana Congressional delegation, and the Taipei Economic and
14 Cultural Office in Chicago, Illinois.

