

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2

BY COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND HONORING DIRECTOR EDDIE YEN ON HIS THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY AS IDAHO'S ASIA TRADE REPRESENTATIVE.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, international trade is a vital component of our state's economy, with exports totaling \$4 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, \$573 million worth of Idaho goods were shipped to Taiwan. Currently, Taiwan is Idaho's second largest export partner, trailing only Canada. Much of this success can be attributed to the hard work of Idaho's Asia Trade Representative, Director Eddie Yen; and

WHEREAS, Director Eddie Yen was hired to lead the Idaho Asia Trade Office in February 1989, and he has spent the past thirty years working diligently on behalf of Idaho companies and organizations to increase sales and foster partnerships in Taiwan and Asia; and

WHEREAS, he has worked with hundreds of Idaho companies and has helped organize trade missions, trade shows, inbound buying delegations, and educational visits; and

WHEREAS, Director Eddie Yen has spent his career cultivating business relationships and friendships with key figures in the Taiwan market. As a result of his tireless efforts, his work has allowed countless Idaho businesses to find quality partners in Taiwan that purchase Idaho goods and services, generating a positive economic impact for Idaho companies and the State of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, he has developed and maintained relationships with government officials in Taiwan and has utilized these relationships to enhance and strengthen Idaho's trade with Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, he has traveled to Idaho at least once every year during his tenure as director, seeking out new Idaho companies interested in exporting to Taiwan and meeting with existing exporters to discuss market strategies, priorities, and challenges; and

WHEREAS, as a result of his keen expertise, the Idaho Asia Trade Office was expanded in 2015 to include Southeast Asia in addition to Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, Director Eddie Yen has been a genuine, impactful, engaged, and humble friend of the State of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, it is impossible to overstate the value of Director Eddie Yen's contribution to the State of Idaho. His work has resulted in untold economic prosperity and success for Idaho businesses, organizations, and educational institutions alike.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-fifth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, that we honor and recognize Eddie Yen for his outstanding dedication and commitment to the State of Idaho.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we congratulate Eddie Yen on the event of his
2 thirtieth anniversary as Idaho's Asia Trade Representative.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we thank Eddie Yen with utmost sincerity for
4 his service to the companies, organizations, and institutions of the State
5 of Idaho.