

IN THE SENATE

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 107

BY COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

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2 TO THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES IN CON-  
3 GRESS ASSEMBLED, THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE STATE  
4 OF IDAHO IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE  
5 OF IDAHO, THE DIRECTOR OF THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, THE DIRECTOR  
6 OF THE IDAHO STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AND THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL  
7 OF THE TAIPEI ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL OFFICE IN SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.

8 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and the House of Representatives of  
9 the State of Idaho assembled in the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-fifth  
10 Idaho Legislature, do hereby respectfully represent that:

11 WHEREAS, the Republic of China (Taiwan), the United States, and in par-  
12 ticular the State of Idaho share a historical and close relationship marked  
13 by the common value of democracy, human rights, and rule of law; and

14 WHEREAS, Taiwan and Idaho established a close sister statehood in 1984  
15 and have fostered close relations through strong and bilateral trade, edu-  
16 cational and cultural exchange, scientific and technological interest, and  
17 tourism; and

18 WHEREAS, Taiwan was the second-largest export market of Idaho goods in  
19 2018, with an estimated \$675 million in sales, including semiconductors,  
20 computers and capital equipment, and agricultural products; and

21 WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Commerce reports that Taiwanese enti-  
22 ties invested nearly \$11.3 billion in 2017 in the United States, of which  
23 \$115 million went to research and development projects and \$967 million  
24 helped to expand U.S. exports, supporting more than 14,000 American jobs;  
25 and

26 WHEREAS, in 2019, the United States and Taiwan commemorated the 40th an-  
27 niversary of the Taiwan Relations Act, the spirit of which is to ensure ongo-  
28 ing interaction of both sides; and

29 WHEREAS, in 2018, the U.S. Congress passed, and President Donald Trump  
30 signed into law, the Taiwan Travel Act to enhance mutual governmental commu-  
31 nications and visits; and

32 WHEREAS, past exchanges between Taiwan and Idaho have included several  
33 legislative and governmental delegations from Idaho to Taiwan; and

34 WHEREAS, Idaho welcomes all opportunities for an even closer economic  
35 and cultural relationship with Taiwan and supports increased trade and in-  
36 vestment through bilateral free and fair trade agreement, support of the  
37 United States-Taiwan Global Cooperation and Training Framework building  
38 programs for regional experts in the areas of public health, empowerment of  
39 women, energy efficiency, and e-commerce; and

40 WHEREAS, Idaho recognizes Taiwan's contribution to a broad range of  
41 global issues, including humanitarian assistance, disaster relief, safe-  
42 guarding of cybersecurity, anti-terrorism initiatives, and fights against  
43 transnational crime.

1           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Ses-  
2 sion of the Sixty-fifth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Repre-  
3 sentatives concurring therein, that the State of Idaho reaffirms its commit-  
4 ment to the strong and deepening relationship between the State of Idaho and  
5 the Republic of China (Taiwan) and supports Taiwan's meaningful participa-  
6 tion in appropriate international organizations.

7           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate be, and she is  
8 hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Memorial to the  
9 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of  
10 Congress, the congressional delegation representing the State of Idaho in  
11 the Congress of the United States, the Governor of the State of Idaho, the  
12 Director of the Idaho Department of Commerce, the Director of the Idaho State  
13 Department of Agriculture, and the Director-General of the Taipei Economic  
14 and Cultural Office in Seattle, Washington.