

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 115

Senators Chang and Runestad offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to encourage the United States and Taiwan to
2 further strengthen bilateral trade between our countries and
3 continue our strong economic and trade partnership.

4 Whereas, Michigan and Taiwan have enjoyed strong bilateral
5 trade, educational and cultural exchanges, and tourism; and

6 Whereas, Taiwan shares the same values of freedom, democracy,
7 human rights, the rule of law, peace, and prosperity with the
8 United States and the State of Michigan; and

9 Whereas, The United States ranks as Taiwan's second-largest
10 trading partner and Taiwan is the eighth-largest trading partner of
11 the United States. Bilateral trade between the two countries
12 exceeded \$856 billion in 2021; and

13 Whereas, Taiwan and the State of Michigan have enjoyed a long

1 and mutually beneficial relationship with the prospect of future
2 growth. Taiwan was Michigan's seventh-largest export market in Asia
3 in 2020, with \$225 million worth of Michigan goods exported to
4 Taiwan; and

5 Whereas, To strengthen the Taiwan-Michigan bilateral economic
6 relationship, it is essential that Michigan businesses enhance
7 their economic engagement with Taiwan based on the 1979 Taiwan
8 Relations Act (TRA, Public Law 96-8, 22 USC § 3301). Article 4,
9 Section b of the TRA stipulates that "wherever the laws of the
10 United States refer or relate to foreign countries, nations,
11 states, governments, or similar entities, such terms shall include
12 and such laws shall apply with respect to Taiwan"; and

13 Whereas, Taiwan and the United States should further
14 strengthen bilateral trade between our countries, thereby
15 increasing Michigan's exports to Taiwan and creating bilateral
16 investment; now, therefore, be it

17 Resolved by the Senate, That we encourage the United States
18 and Taiwan to further strengthen bilateral trade between our
19 countries and continue our strong economic and trade partnership;
20 and be it further

21 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
22 President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States
23 House of Representatives, the President of the United States
24 Senate, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.