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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM, BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I, BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND HAWAI'I'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO STRENGTHEN THE SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP WITH TAIWAN IN COMMEMORATION OF THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HAWAI'I AND TAIWAN.

1 WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States have long enjoyed a
2 cordial friendship based on shared common interests in promoting
3 peace, stability, and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region; and
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5 WHEREAS, Taiwan is one of the United States' most important
6 economic and security partners in Asia; and
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8 WHEREAS, Hawai'i established a sister-state relationship
9 with Taiwan in 1993, but an economic relationship was already
10 established before then; and
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12 WHEREAS, over the years, there have been few overseas
13 locations with more cultural and economic activity than Taiwan,
14 including business missions, educational and special promotional
15 fairs, cultural exchanges, investor seminars, media productions,
16 and gubernatorial visits; and
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18 WHEREAS, in 1994, the Department of Business, Economic
19 Development, and Tourism opened the State of Hawai'i Office in
20 Taipei to take advantage of the rapidly increasing investor
21 interest in Hawai'i, symbolized by the purchase of several well-
22 known resort hotels; and
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24 WHEREAS, the Governor is urged to support a free trade
25 agreement between the United States and Taiwan and further
26 support Taiwan's participation in regional economic integration
27 such as Trans Pacific Partnerships; and
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29 WHEREAS, following the recent addition of Taiwan to the
30 United States Visa Waiver Program, Hawaiian Airlines and China



1 Airlines will soon provide direct flights between Honolulu and
2 Taipei, and the Department of Business, Economic Development,
3 and Tourism should seize the golden opportunity to launch
4 effective promotion campaigns in order to attract more tourists
5 from Taiwan; and
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7 WHEREAS, Taiwan's energy policy is similar to Hawai'i in
8 that both seek to increase energy efficiency and promote greater
9 use of renewable sources to reduce dependence on imported fossil
10 fuels; therefore, the Department of Business, Economic
11 Development, and Tourism should collaborate on research and
12 development of clean energy technologies and cooperate on the
13 development of sustainable industries and green projects; and
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15 WHEREAS, Hawai'i and Taiwan have rich and diverse cultural
16 backgrounds, since Taiwan's indigenous people and the native
17 Hawaiians are part of the Austronesian culture ring; therefore,
18 the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism is
19 requested to welcome Taiwan's participation in international
20 cultural events held in Hawai'i, such as the "2013 Honolulu
21 Festival" and the "2013 Asia Pacific Dance Festival"; and
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23 WHEREAS, Hawai'i and Taiwan have their own distinct features
24 when it comes to education and both countries have much to
25 mutually learn from one another; therefore, the Board of Regents
26 of the University of Hawai'i and the Board of Education are urged
27 to strengthen an educational relationship with Taiwan by
28 encouraging more exchange students to travel between the two
29 countries and to advocate for more academic cooperation
30 opportunities; and
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32 WHEREAS, Hawai'i's Congressional delegation is urged to
33 support Taiwan's participation in international bodies, such as
34 the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), The United
35 National Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and
36 the World Health Organization (WHO) and is requested to continue
37 to support Taiwan's meaningful participation in the
38 international arena for the common good of all peoples of the
39 world; now, therefore,
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41 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
42 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013,
43 that the Governor; Department of Business, Economic Development,



1 and Tourism; Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i; Board
 2 of Education; and Hawai'i's Congressional delegation are urged to
 3 strengthen the sister-state relationship with Taiwan in
 4 commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the sister-state
 5 relationship between Hawai'i and Taiwan; and

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 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 8 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Director of Business,
 9 Economic Development; and Tourism; Board of Regents of the
 10 University of Hawai'i; Board of Education; and each member of
 11 Hawai'i's Congressional delegation.
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