



2017 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 106

February 13, 2018 - Introduced by Representatives KULP, TRANEL, SINICKI, ROHRKASTE, BALLWEG, THIESFELDT, E. BROOKS, VANDERMEER, KERKMAN, KRUG and STEFFEN, cosponsored by Senators MARKLEIN and MOULTON. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** supporting Taiwan's signing of the Bilateral Investment Agreement
2 (BIA) with the United States and reaffirming support for increasing Taiwan's
3 international profile and for strengthening and expanding sister-state ties
4 between Wisconsin and Taiwan.

5 Whereas, the state of Wisconsin is proud of the sister-state relationship it has
6 enjoyed with the Republic of China (Taiwan) since 1986, which is marked by strong
7 bilateral trade, educational and cultural exchange, and tourism; and

8 Whereas, Taiwan shares the same values of freedom, democracy, human rights,
9 the rule of law, peace, and prosperity with the United States and the state of
10 Wisconsin; and

11 Whereas, the United States ranks as Taiwan's second-largest trading partner,
12 Taiwan ranks as the ninth-largest trading partner of the United States, and
13 bilateral trade reached \$66.6 billion in 2015; and

14 Whereas, Taiwan and the state of Wisconsin have enjoyed a long and mutually
15 beneficial relationship with the prospect of future growth, and Taiwan was

1 Wisconsin's seventh-largest export market in 2015, with \$184 million worth of
2 Wisconsin goods exported to Taiwan; and

3 Whereas, negotiations for a Bilateral Investment Agreement (BIA) between
4 Taiwan and the United States are an important step toward further strengthening
5 bilateral trade between our countries, thereby increasing Wisconsin's exports to
6 Taiwan and creating bilateral investment, technical collaboration, and trade
7 facilitation measures; and

8 Whereas, Taiwan has undertaken a policy of "steadfast diplomacy" in its
9 international relations and is capable of and willing to fulfill its responsibilities and
10 collaborate with the world to deal with the challenges of humanitarian aids, disease
11 control, and so forth; now, therefore, be it

12 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
13 legislature reaffirms its commitment to the strengthening and deepening of the
14 sister-state relationship between Taiwan and the state of Wisconsin; and, be it
15 further

16 ***Resolved, That*** Wisconsin endorses Taiwan's efforts to secure the signing of
17 the BIA with the United States; and, be it further

18 ***Resolved, That*** Wisconsin continues to support Taiwan's appropriate
19 participation in international organizations that impact the health, safety, and
20 well-being of the people of Taiwan and supports Taiwan's aspiration to make more
21 contributions in international societies; and, be it further

22 ***Resolved, That*** the chief clerk of the assembly is hereby directed to transmit
23 copies of this resolution to the members of the Wisconsin Congressional delegation
24 and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Chicago, Illinois.

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