

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10

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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
5 MONTANA REAFFIRMING MONTANA'S COMMITMENT TO ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH TAIWAN.6
7 WHEREAS, the United States and Taiwan are bonded by their shared commitment to democracy,
8 human rights, the rule of law, and a free market economy; and9 WHEREAS, trade between the United States and Taiwan contributes meaningfully to our mutual
10 economic growth; and11 WHEREAS, Taiwan is the eighth largest trading partner of the United States with bilateral trade totaling
12 \$113.9 billion in 2021, while both sides welcomed the launch of the U.S.-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century
13 Trade to further develop economic ties and facilitate trade; and14 WHEREAS, Taiwan and Montana have marked a close relationship through a sister state agreement
15 begun in 1985 and established the Montana Asia Trade Office in 2021 to expand bilateral trade and to promote
16 the partnership with the private sectors to create favorable economic development; and17 WHEREAS, Montana's share of that trade in 2021 amounted to outbound sales to Taiwan of \$53
18 million in commodity goods, such as semiconductor machinery, inorganic chemicals, and machine parts, with
19 commodity purchases from Taiwan of \$45 million in 2021 that primarily included semi-manufactured platinum
20 metal, electrical machines for audio and video recording, and self-tapping screws of iron and steel; and21 WHEREAS, based on the principles of the U.S.-Taiwan Education Initiative in 2020, Taiwan intends to
22 further collaborate with Montana on education, technology, and cultural and economic exchanges by signing
23 memoranda of understanding to contribute positively to the strengthening of education and learning-related
24 linkages between both sides; and25 WHEREAS, Montana welcomes all opportunities for an even closer economic, educational, and cultural
26 relationship with Taiwan and supports increased trade and investment through bilateral free and fair trade
27 agreements, support of the United States-Taiwan Global Cooperation and Training Framework, and capacity-
28 building programs for regional experts in e-commerce.

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2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
3 THE STATE OF MONTANA:

4 (1) That the state of Montana recognizes the importance of a strong and enduring partnership with
5 Taiwan.

6 (2) That the state of Montana welcomes periodic trade talks under the U.S.-Taiwan Initiative on
7 21st-Century Trade or related agreements in the interest of free and fair trade.

8 (3) That the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to the Department of Commerce, the
9 Montana Congressional Delegation, the Governor, the Taiwanese Minister of Foreign Affairs, and the Director
10 of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Seattle.

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