

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 17

Introduced by Scheer, 19.

WHEREAS, Nebraska and Taiwan have participated in a sister-state relationship since 1983; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska and Taiwan share the same values of freedom, democracy, rule of law, and respect for human dignity; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska and Taiwan have enjoyed a mutually beneficial bilateral trade relationship with Taiwan ranking as Nebraska's eleventh largest export market; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is the eleventh largest global trading partner for the United States and is the eighth largest export market for American agricultural products; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the fortieth anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act, Public Law 96-8, which built a strong foundation for U.S. - Taiwan ties, and assures the continuation of commercial, cultural, and other relations between the two countries; and

WHEREAS, negotiations for a fair and reciprocal Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) between Taiwan and the United States are an important step toward further strengthening bilateral trade, thereby increasing Nebraska's exports to Taiwan and promoting two-way investment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That Nebraska supports Taiwan's mature and vital democracy and celebrates the thirty-sixth anniversary of Nebraska's sister-state relationship with Taiwan.

2. That the Legislature acknowledges the rich history of friendship and welcomes close economic and trade relations between Nebraska and Taiwan.

3. That copies of this resolution be sent to the United States Secretary of State Michael Pompeo and Director General Jerry S. Chang of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Denver, Colorado.