

House Concurrent Resolution No. 11

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1 **Whereas**, Missouri is pleased to be home to the six-state regional Taipei Economic
2 and Cultural Office in Kansas City; and
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4 **Whereas**, Missouri has demonstrated its commitment to trade with Taiwan by
5 maintaining a Trade Office in Taipei since 1990; and
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7 **Whereas**, trade between Taiwan and the United States has increased significantly
8 during the past decades, with the United States being Taiwan's second-largest source of imports,
9 and Taiwan being the eighth-largest trading partner of the United States; and
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11 **Whereas**, Taiwan ranks the fifth-largest overseas markets for United States
12 agricultural products in general, including the third-largest buyer of United States beef and corn
13 products, the fifth-largest buyer of United States soybean products, the eighth-largest buyer of
14 United States wheat, and the second-largest customer of United States agricultural products
15 worldwide in terms of per capita consumption; and
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17 **Whereas**, the United States International Trade Commission found that, with a
18 Taiwan-United States free trade agreement in place, United States exports to Taiwan would
19 increase by 16%, or roughly \$3.4 billion annually, and the broader interests of the United States
20 in the Asia-Pacific region would be served:
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22 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
23 Representatives of the Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate
24 concurring therein, hereby support the negotiations of a Taiwan-United States free trade
25 agreement; and

26 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
27 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for George
28 W. Bush, President of the United States; Condoleezza Rice, United States Secretary of State;
29 Carlos M. Gutierrez, United States Secretary of Commerce; Ambassador Susan C. Schwab, the
30 United States Trade Representative, each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation, and
31 the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Kansas City.