

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MORSE.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

1 **WHEREAS**, the state of Missouri and Taiwan entered into a sister-state relationship
2 in 1980; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan shares the values of freedom, democracy, rule of law, and
5 respect for human rights with Missouri; and

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7 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan donated 100,000 surgical masks to demonstrate solidarity with
8 Missouri in the global pandemic and to support Missouri's medical workers on the frontlines
9 in May 2020; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan expressed its gratitude to the United States for the donation of
12 millions of vaccine doses in 2021, further highlighting close cooperation between the two
13 sides in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic; and

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15 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan lifted the restrictions on the import of pork with permissible
16 ractopamine in 2020 and lifted restrictions on the import of beef cattle aged 30 months or
17 older in 2020 so as to provide greater access for Missouri's farmers and ranchers to Taiwan's
18 meat market; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, Missouri and Taiwan have enjoyed a mutually beneficial bilateral trade
21 relationship, with Taiwan ranking as Missouri's 6th largest import partner in 2020; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, negotiations for a fair and reciprocal Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA)
24 between Taiwan and the United States are an important step towards further promoting
25 bilateral trade, thereby increasing Missouri's exports to Taiwan; and

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27 **WHEREAS**, formal trade negotiations have recently begun between the United States
28 and Taiwan; and

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30 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan, as a responsible stakeholder in the international community, is
31 seeking to meaningfully participate in the World Health Organization (WHO) and
32 International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO):

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34 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
35 Representatives of the One Hundred Second General Assembly, First Regular Session, the
36 Senate concurring therein, hereby praise and supports Taiwan's vibrant democracy as well as
37 celebrate the forty-second anniversary of sister-state relations with Taiwan; and

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39 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Missouri supports the signing of a Bilateral
40 Trade Agreement with Taiwan and welcomes even closer bilateral trade and investment ties;
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43 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Missouri supports Taiwan's appropriate
44 participation in international organizations that are significant to the health, safety, and well-
45 being of its people; and

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47 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
48 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the
49 members of the Missouri Congressional delegation.

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