

NO. R-94. SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING
THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN THE STATE OF VERMONT AND THE PROVINCE OF
TAIWAN.

(S.C.R.12)

By Senators Illuzzi, Bartlett, Cummings, Doyle and McCormack,

By Representatives Nease of Johnson and Partridge of Windham,

Whereas, a formal sister-state relationship between the state of Vermont and Taiwan, Republic of China, was entered into in the Taiwanese city of Taipei on September 15, 1999, with -Governor Howard Dean representing the state of Vermont, and

Whereas, the relationship has enabled the residents of both Taiwan and Vermont to participate in cultural exchanges and become better acquainted with each other's culture, traditions and traditions, and

Whereas, beginning in 1999, over 40 students from Taiwan have studied annually at Vermont colleges and universities, and

Whereas, eight official Vermont delegations, two Taiwanese delegations and numerous private citizens from both jurisdictions have traveled across the Pacific Ocean, serving as ambassadors of good will, and

Whereas, the sister-state relationship has prompted new and exciting economic opportunities such as the establishment in 1998 of a Vermont Chamber of Commerce trade office in Taipei, and

Whereas, in 1998, Vermont exported \$93 million in goods and services to Taiwan, and

Whereas, Vermont's exports to Taiwan reached a record \$511 million in 2004, and, in 2007 the monetary value of Vermont's exports to Taiwan came in at \$210 million and

Whereas, Taiwan ranked as Vermont's second largest export market, after Canada, during the years 2003–2006, and fifth in 2007, and

Whereas, the tenth anniversary of the sister-state relationship between the state of Vermont and Taiwan, Republic of China, is an occasion for renewal of the friendship between the two and an opportunity to celebrate their mutually beneficial partnership, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly is pleased to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the sister-state relationship between the state of Vermont and the province of Taiwan, Republic of China, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Director General K.T. Yang of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Boston.