

# State of Vermont Senate Chamber



Montpelier, Vermont

## Senate Resolution

By Senate Committee on Government Operations,

**S.R. 27.** Senate resolution relating to reaffirming the friendship between Vermont and the Republic of China (Taiwan) and supporting both enhanced United States-Taiwan bilateral relations and Taiwan's participation in the international community.

*Whereas*, the United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan) share a vibrant, mutually beneficial bilateral relationship based on our common values of freedom, democracy, the rule of law, and a free market economy, and the relationship has never been stronger, and

*Whereas*, the United States is Taiwan's second-largest trading partner, and Taiwan is the United States' eighth-largest trading partner, and American trade in goods with Taiwan totaled an estimated \$114.1 billion in 2021, and

*Whereas*, a Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) between Taiwan and the United States would increase Vermont exports to Taiwan and create more jobs in the State, and

*Whereas*, Vermont and Taiwan have enjoyed a long history of productive bilateral relations as Taiwan is our second-largest export market, and, in 2020, the two jurisdictions entered into a driver's license reciprocity agreement, and

*Whereas*, the Government of Taiwan desires to establish a Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Vermont to increase educational exchanges, *now therefore be it*

### ***Resolved by the Senate:***

That the Senate of the State of Vermont reaffirms the friendship between Vermont and the Republic of China (Taiwan) and supports enhanced United States-Taiwan bilateral relations and Taiwan's participation in the international community, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to send a copy of this resolution to President Joseph R. Biden, President Tsai Ing-wen of the Republic of China (Taiwan), Director-General Jonathan Sun of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Boston, Governor Philip B. Scott, and to the Vermont Congressional Delegation.