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.