

ORIGINAL HOUSE
JOINT RESOLUTION. HJ0013

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2021 GENERAL SESSION

A JOINT RESOLUTION in support of Taiwan.

WHEREAS, Taiwan, the United States, and the State of Wyoming share a historical and close relationship marked by strong bilateral trade, cultural exchange, and tourism; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan shares with the United States and the State of Wyoming the common values of freedom, democracy, human rights, and the rule of law; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 1984, the State of Wyoming adopted Taiwan as Wyoming's sister state; and

WHEREAS, the United States ranks as Taiwan's second largest trading partner, Taiwan ranks as the United States' eleventh largest 'goods' trading partner, and bilateral trade between the United States and Taiwan reached an estimated ninety-four billion five hundred million dollars (\$94,500,000,000.00) in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan and the State of Wyoming have enjoyed a long and mutually beneficial relationship with the prospect of further growth; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, the United States officially included Taiwan in its Visa Waiver Program, allowing Taiwan's citizens to travel to the United States for tourism or business for ninety (90) days without being required to obtain a visa, and the program has and will continue to increase tourism and business between Taiwan and the United States, particularly Wyoming, with the prospect of welcoming more Taiwanese travelers to the United States each year; and

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WHEREAS, the United States beef exports to Taiwan are beneficial to Wyoming and help forge a closer relationship between the State of Wyoming and Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan's President, Tsai Ing-wen, has worked tirelessly to uphold democratic principles in Taiwan, to ensure the freedom and prosperity of Taiwan's twenty-three million (23,000,000) citizens, to promote Taiwan's international standing as a stable and responsible member of the international community, to increase participation in international organizations, to support societally disadvantaged groups in Taiwan, and to further stabilize, improve and strengthen relations between the United States and Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan, as a willing and contributing member of the world community, has made countless contributions of technical and financial assistance in the wake of natural disasters worldwide.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING:

Section 1. That Wyoming reaffirms its commitment to the strong and deepening relationship between Taiwan and the State of Wyoming.

Section 2. That Wyoming supports Taiwan's appropriate participation in international organizations that improve the health, safety, and well-being of Taiwan.

Section 3. That Wyoming supports the previous United States presidential administrations' historic diplomatic efforts to recognize Taiwan.

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Section 4. That Wyoming welcomes the opportunity for the United States and the state of Wyoming to deepen the economic, educational and cultural bonds with Taiwan.

Section 5. That the Secretary of State of Wyoming transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress, to Wyoming's Congressional Delegation, to Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen and to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, Seattle, Washington.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk