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By Representatives Foreman, Ebersole, Van Luven, Sheldon, Chandler, Mastin, Horn, Scott, R. Fisher, Thompson, Johnson, Carlson, Huff, Campbell, Costa, Mason, B. Thomas, Schoesler and McMahan

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1 WHEREAS, The State of Washington in the United States of America
2 and the Province of Taiwan R.O.C. have an extensive cultural, economic,
3 and political relationship; and

4 WHEREAS, The manifestation of these relationships can be found in
5 the fact that more than seven and one-half billion dollars in trade was
6 done between the State of Washington and the Province of Taiwan R.O.C.
7 in 1993 and the Province of Taiwan R.O.C. provided the State of
8 Washington with its fourth most important source of foreign tourism;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The State of Washington has chosen to recognize the
11 special nature of the relationship of the partners by the establishment
12 of a Trade Office in Taipei; and

13 WHEREAS, The benefits of a continued expansion of trade between the
14 State of Washington and the Province of Taiwan R.O.C. include increases
15 in trade-related employment and greater markets for the products of
16 both states; and

17 WHEREAS, The State of Washington and the Province of Taiwan R.O.C.
18 have worked together to have officially sponsored exchanges in the fine
19 arts, recreation, and political fields; and

20 WHEREAS, Such exchanges provide opportunities for the people of the
21 State of Washington and the people of the Province of Taiwan R.O.C. to

1 benefit by gaining a greater appreciation for the history, fine arts,
2 political institutions, and culture of each other;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives of
4 the State of Washington, the Senate concurring, That the State of
5 Washington declares that it agrees to enter into a sister state
6 relationship with the Province of Taiwan R.O.C.; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a Memorandum of Understanding between
8 the states implementing a sister state relationship, shall identify an
9 association within each state which will, at a minimum:

10 (1) Sustain and enhance cooperation between the two states, with
11 special emphasis on urban management and development, arts, trade,
12 culture, and education; and

13 (2) For Washington State, establish a trade, investment and tourism
14 committee with representatives from the Governor's office, department
15 of community, trade, and economic development, one or more public
16 ports, the tourist and convention industry, the trade development
17 alliance of greater Seattle, one or more economic development councils,
18 and growers of exported agricultural products; and

19 (3) For the Province of Taiwan, a similar committee will be
20 established; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the associations and their committees
22 shall have as members representatives of their respective business
23 communities and other interested individuals and entities; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the associations and their committees
25 shall be led by officers to coordinate and energize their activities,
26 and to raise and provide funds to pay the costs of government
27 officials' activities in the furtherance of the goals of the
28 associations; and

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the officers and members of both
30 associations shall endeavor to meet together as a group at least
31 annually and will visit one another as frequently as schedules permit,
32 with coordination guided through the exchange of annual work plans and
33 budgets; and

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Governor of the State of
35 Washington is encouraged to continue to use the influence of the Office
36 of Governor to promote increased trade, cultural exchanges, and tourism
37 between the two sister states.

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