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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4407

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By Representatives Wang, Locke, Peery, Shin, Ballard, Horn, Forner, Miller, Flemming, Wineberry, Jacobsen, Veloria, Scott, Chandler, Foreman, Cothorn, Kessler, Johanson, Padden, Sheldon and J. Kohl

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

4 WHEREAS, The manifestation of these relationships can be found in  
5 the fact that more than five billion dollars in trade was done between  
6 the State of Washington and the Province of Taiwan in 1991 and more  
7 than forty-five thousand visitors came to the State of Washington from  
8 the Province of Taiwan; and

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

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

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

19 WHEREAS, Such exchanges provide opportunities for the people of the  
20 State of Washington and the people of the Province of Taiwan to benefit

1 by gaining a greater appreciation for the history, fine arts, political  
2 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; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Governor of the State of  
8 Washington is encouraged to continue to use the influence of the Office  
9 of Governor to promote increased trade, cultural exchanges, and tourism  
10 between the two sister states.

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