

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-4632, by Representatives Gregerson, Zahn, Thai, Ryu, and Duerr

1 WHEREAS, The people of Washington State share a rich cultural
2 history and a strong bond with our global neighbors in Taiwan and the
3 more than 100,000 Taiwanese Americans from Taiwan living and working
4 in Washington State; and

5 WHEREAS, Taiwanese Americans living in Washington have profoundly
6 impacted our state and continue to further the democratic values that
7 define us as a beacon of opportunity and prosperity; and

8 WHEREAS, Washingtonians recognize the generations of resilience,
9 sacrifice, and hope demonstrated by Taiwanese immigrants living in
10 Washington and their descendants in their innumerable contributions
11 to our communities; and

12 WHEREAS, The people of Washington State enjoy a more vibrant
13 heritage and economy from the bilateral cultivation of these deep
14 ties with the people of Taiwan; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2022, the total trade between Washington State and
16 Taiwan exceeded approximately \$3,800,000,000 worth of products,
17 making Taiwan the 7th largest trading partner for the State, and both
18 sides are committed to strengthening bilateral economic ties; and

19 WHEREAS, Taiwan is the 6th largest export destination for United
20 States agricultural goods, and has ranked among the top three
21 importers of Washington sweet cherries, potatoes, and beef; and

22 WHEREAS, The people of Washington State value the investment of
23 Taiwanese companies in Washington State's workforce, helping to

1 create more than 15,000 skilled labor jobs in industries ranging from
2 semiconductor technology, airlines, and harbor shipping to the
3 development and manufacture of high-quality fiber optic components
4 and video microscopes; and

5 WHEREAS, Washington State has resumed its office in Taiwan and
6 appointed a representative in November of 2023 to strengthen their
7 trade and investment relationship;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House
9 of Representatives reiterate its support for a closer economic and
10 trade relationship between Washington State and the people of Taiwan
11 and recognize the importance of a strong and enduring relationship
12 between the people of Washington State and the people of Taiwan.

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14 I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
15 Resolution 4632 adopted by the House of Representatives
16 February 28, 2025

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Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk