

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 276

Introduced by Scheer, 19.

WHEREAS, Nebraska and Taiwan have participated in a sister-state relationship since 1983; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska and Taiwan share the same values of freedom, democracy, rule of law, and respect for human dignity; and

WHEREAS, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Denver, on behalf of the Taiwan Province Governor, presented a proclamation to the Governor of Nebraska to celebrate the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of Nebraska's Statehood; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is the tenth largest global trading partner for the United States and is the seventh largest export market for American agricultural products; and

WHEREAS, the United States is the second largest trading partner for Taiwan, and Taiwan is Nebraska's eleventh largest trading partner for both imports and exports; and

WHEREAS, negotiations for a fair and reciprocal Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) between Taiwan and the United States are an important step toward further strengthening bilateral trade, thereby increasing Nebraska's exports to Taiwan and promoting two-way investment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That Nebraska supports Taiwan's mature and vital democracy and celebrates the thirty-fifth anniversary of Nebraska's sister-state relationship with Taiwan.

2. That the Legislature acknowledges the rich history of friendship and welcomes close economic and trade relations between Nebraska and Taiwan.

3. That copies of this resolution be sent to United States Secretary of State Rex W. Tillerson and Director General Jerry S. Chang of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Denver.