

# State of South Dakota

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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1007

Introduced by: Representatives Lust, Bartling, Bolin, Cammack, Cronin, Dryden, Ecklund, Erickson, Haggar (Don), Hawks, Hawley, Hoffman, Johns, Magstadt, Munsterman, Nelson, Novstrup (David), Peterson, Rounds, Rozum, Schaefer, Schoenfish, Sly, Soli, Stevens, and Verchio and Senators Tieszen, Adelstein, Jones, Kirkeby, Krebs, Lucas, Olson (Russell), Peters, and Rave

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, endorsing Taiwan's participation as an observer in the  
2 International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the United Nations Framework  
3 Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and the twenty-ninth anniversary of sister state  
4 relations with the Province of Taiwan in the Republic of China (Taiwan).

5 WHEREAS, civil aviation plays a pivotal role in promoting business, trade, tourism, and  
6 cultural exchange; and

7 WHEREAS, the development of international civil aviation in a safe and orderly manner is  
8 the supreme cause of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO); and

9 WHEREAS, with an excellent geographic location, Taiwan is a key aviation hub for regions  
10 in northeastern and southeastern Asia; and

11 WHEREAS, the Taipei Flight Information Region (FIR), bordering the FIRs of Fukuoka,  
12 Manila, Hong Kong, and Shanghai, includes fourteen international airways and four domestic  
13 airways, providing services for more than one million flights per year; and



1       WHEREAS, forty million travelers enter, leave, or pass through the Taipei FIR each year,  
2 making Taiwan a key part of air navigation in East Asia; and

3       WHEREAS, currently, more than fifty domestic and foreign airlines operate flights from  
4 Taiwan to one hundred ten cities in the world and the annual number of passengers on  
5 international flights is approximately thirty million; and

6       WHEREAS, in 2010, the number of international passengers at Taoyuan International  
7 Airport, made it Taiwan's largest airport and sixteenth largest airport worldwide. It also ranks  
8 ninth largest for international cargo, making Taiwan one of the busiest airspaces in the world;  
9 and

10       WHEREAS, without Taiwan's participation, international flight plans, regulations, and  
11 procedures that the ICAO formulates would be incomplete and unsafe; and

12       WHEREAS, as an island in the Pacific Ocean, Taiwan is imperiled by rising sea levels and  
13 the ravages of extreme weather; and

14       WHEREAS, it is apparent that to overcome the challenges posed by such an immense factor  
15 as climate change, there must be concerted effort and cooperation among the world citizenry;  
16 and

17       WHEREAS, Taiwan's exclusion from meaningful participation in the United Nations  
18 Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) has been to the detriment of both the  
19 Taiwanese people and the global community as Taiwan not only has the means but also the  
20 incentive to make a meaningful contribution; and

21       WHEREAS, Taiwan's request to participate in the ICAO and the UNFCCC is fully in line  
22 with the United States government's policy of supporting Taiwan's meaningful participation in  
23 the United Nations specialized agencies, and

24       WHEREAS, on December 7, 1984, the State of South Dakota and the Taiwan Province of

1 the Republic of China (Taiwan) jointly established a sister state relationship to promote  
2 international understanding and goodwill and to strengthen a greater friendship between the  
3 residents of South Dakota and Taiwan; and

4 WHEREAS, over the past twenty-nine years, the bonds of true friendship and a steadfast  
5 trade partnership between South Dakota and Taiwan have strengthened, resulting in a better  
6 economic, social, and cultural exchange between the two governments; and

7 WHEREAS, every other year, Taiwan has sent an agricultural trade goodwill mission to  
8 South Dakota to demonstrate Taiwan's continuing goodwill and willingness to purchase South  
9 Dakota's agricultural products, and the South Dakota agricultural industry has benefitted greatly  
10 over the past two decades from the sale of beef, wheat, and corn to Taiwan; and

11 WHEREAS, the commercial interaction between the State of South Dakota and Taiwan has  
12 grown substantially with each passing year, resulting in increased economic growth for both  
13 Taiwan and South Dakota:

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eighty-  
15 Eighth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the South  
16 Dakota Legislature endorses Taiwan's participation in the International Civil Aviation  
17 Organization (ICAO) as an observer; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the South Dakota Legislature is supportive of all  
19 efforts to grant Taiwan official observer status at the United Nations Framework Convention  
20 on Climate Change (UNFCCC); and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the South Dakota Legislature celebrates the twenty-  
22 ninth anniversary of sister state relations with the Province of Taiwan in the Republic of China  
23 (Taiwan); and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the United States

1 Secretary of State, the United States Secretary of Transportation, United States Administrator  
2 of the Environmental Protection Agency, each member of the South Dakota Congressional  
3 Delegation, and Director General Jack J.C. Yang of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office  
4 in Kansas City.