

State of Vermont

Senate Chamber



Montpelier, Vermont

Senate Resolution

By Senator Hartwell,

S.R. 8. Senate resolution relating to reaffirming the friendly bilateral relationships between Taiwan and both the United States and Vermont and the important role of Taiwan in the international community.

Whereas, the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the United States share an important and close bilateral relationship based on common democratic and free market values, and

Whereas, President Ma Ying-jeou of Taiwan has worked tirelessly to uphold democratic principles to ensure the prosperity of his nation's 23 million citizens and promote Taiwan's international standing, and

Whereas, the bilateral relationship between Taiwan and Vermont includes cultural and educational exchanges, and

Whereas, trade relations between Vermont and Taiwan focus on computer and electronic products, chemicals, and electrical equipment, and in 2012, Taiwan was Vermont's 8th largest international export partner, and

Whereas, Taiwan and the United States both support peace in the East China Sea, and on August 5, 2012, Taiwan proposed an East China Sea Peace Initiative to resolve the disputes in this area, and

Whereas, Taiwan's membership in the U.S. Visa Waiver Program has made travel between the two nations more convenient resulting in mutual business and tourism advantages, and

Whereas, as a member of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum, Taiwan is supportive of economic cooperation throughout the Asia-Pacific region, and

Whereas, Taiwan is concerned with the impact of climate change and has expressed strong interest to be included in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Control, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate of the State of Vermont:

That the Senate of the State of Vermont reaffirms the friendly bilateral relationships between Taiwan and both the United States and Vermont and the important role of Taiwan in the international community, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to send a copy of this resolution to President Barack Obama, Governor Peter Shumlin, the Vermont Congressional Delegation, Taiwan President Ma Ying-jeou, and Director-General Anne Hung of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Boston.