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House Concurrent Resolution 203

Sponsored by Representative EVANS, Senator MANNING JR, Representatives GOMBERG, DIEHL, MANNIX, Senator WOODS; Representatives BOWMAN, HUDSON, RESCHKE, SMITH G, Senators PATTERSON, SMITH DB (Pre-session filed.)

Whereas the United States and Taiwan (which officially refers to itself as the Republic of China) are bonded by their shared commitment to democracy, freedom, human rights, the rule of law and the market economy; and

Whereas trade between the United States and Taiwan contributes meaningfully to their mutual economic growth; and

Whereas in 2022, Taiwan was the eighth-largest trading partner of the United States, with trade totaling \$135.5 billion, and the United States and Taiwan both welcome the launch of the U.S.-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade to further develop economic ties and facilitate trade; and

Whereas according to the U.S. International Trade Commission, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service and the U.S. Census Bureau, in 2021, Taiwan was the seventh-largest export market for overall U.S. agricultural products, the sixth-largest export market for U.S. beef and beef products and the eighth-largest export market for U.S. wheat and wheat products; and

Whereas Taiwan and the State of Oregon maintain and cherish a longstanding friendship since their sister state relationship was established in 1986; and

Whereas other landmarks in the relationship between Oregon and Taiwan include the establishment of a sister city relationship between Portland and Kaohsiung in 1988, a driver license reciprocity agreement in 2015 and a letter of intent between the Oregon Wheat Commission and the Taiwan Flour Mills Association in 2022; and

Whereas these landmarks reflect the growing exchanges and interdependency from civil to official levels between Oregon and Taiwan, inspiring and creating additional economic opportunities and prosperities; and

Whereas in 2022, Taiwan was Oregon's ninth-largest export destination and seventh-largest import source, making Taiwan the overall ninth-largest trading partner of Oregon, with a total trade value of \$2.39 billion, covering commodity goods such as semiconductor parts, electric machinery, chemicals, optical and medical equipment and agricultural products; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly, recognize the importance of a strong and enduring partnership between the State of Oregon and Taiwan.

Adopted by House February 19, 2024

Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

Dan Rayfield, Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate March 4, 2024

Rob Wagner, President of Senate