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1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15

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3 A Concurrent Resolution expressing the State of Iowa's  
4 appreciation of its strong relations with the Republic  
5 of China on Taiwan and urging the establishment of an  
6 Iowa presence in the Republic of China on Taiwan.

7 WHEREAS, the Republic of China on Taiwan and the  
8 United States have been important strategic partners  
9 for the past half century; and

10 WHEREAS, the Republic of China on Taiwan and the  
11 United States share many values and the relationship  
12 between the United States and the Republic of China on  
13 Taiwan has continued to develop over time into a  
14 mutually beneficial relationship, resulting in  
15 progress in the areas of political interaction,  
16 security affairs, trade, investment, culture, and  
17 education; and

18 WHEREAS, the Republic of China on Taiwan is the  
19 United States' eighth largest trading partner, ninth  
20 largest export market overall, and sixth largest  
21 export market in agricultural goods; and

22 WHEREAS, the State of Iowa, one of the leading  
23 agricultural production areas in the world, has  
24 developed strong economic ties with the Republic of  
25 China on Taiwan, which includes a dynamic trading  
26 partnership with Iowa commodity organizations and  
27 producers of agricultural products, including beef,  
28 pork, corn, and soybeans; and

29 WHEREAS, the State of Iowa and several Iowa cities  
30 have established formal sister state and sister city

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1 relationships with regions and cities in the Republic  
2 of China on Taiwan; and

3 WHEREAS, both the Republic of China on Taiwan and  
4 the State of Iowa are interested in encouraging the  
5 flourishing of this partnership; and

6 WHEREAS, the Republic of China on Taiwan has  
7 expressed interest in furthering its relationship with  
8 the State of Iowa by inviting the State of Iowa to  
9 establish a physical presence in the Republic of China  
10 on Taiwan; NOW THEREFORE,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF  
12 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the State of Iowa  
13 should consider the possibility of establishing an  
14 office or other physical presence in the World Trade  
15 Center in Taipei in the Republic of China on Taiwan to  
16 facilitate increased relations; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Iowa Department of  
18 Economic Development shall organize a work group of  
19 public and private organizations interested in  
20 enhancing Iowa's presence in the Republic of China on  
21 Taiwan by establishing an office in the World Trade  
22 Center in Taipei and shall report the findings of the  
23 work group to the Governor, the offices of the Co-  
24 leaders of the Senate, and the offices of the Majority  
25 and Minority Leaders of the House of Representatives.

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