

1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 110
2 BY BOETTGER, BEALL, BLACK, FRAISE, JOHNSON, TINSMAN,
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4 A Concurrent Resolution expressing the State of Iowa's
5 appreciation of its strong relations with the Republic
6 of China on Taiwan and urging the establishment of an
7 Iowa presence in the Republic of China on Taiwan.

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

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

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

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

30 WHEREAS, the State of Iowa and several Iowa cities

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1 have established formal sister state and sister city
2 relationships with regions and cities in the Republic
3 of China on Taiwan; and

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

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

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

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Iowa Department of
19 Economic Development shall organize a work group of
20 public and private organizations interested in
21 enhancing Iowa's presence in the Republic of China on
22 Taiwan by establishing an office in the World Trade
23 Center in Taipei and shall report the findings of the
24 work group to the Governor, the offices of the Co-
25 leaders of the Senate, the offices of the Majority and
26 Minority Leaders of the House of Representatives, and
27 the International Relations Committee of the
28 Legislative Council by October 1, 2005.

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