

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 3

BY COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

A HOUSE RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF IDAHO AND REAFFIRMING THE STRONG RELATIONSHIP AND FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF IDAHO AND THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA, TAIWAN, RECOGNIZING TAIWAN'S CONTRIBUTION TO GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH SECURITY, ENCOURAGING THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE TO PROCESS THE BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENT WITH TAIWAN, AND SUPPORTING TAIWAN'S CONTINUED INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION.

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, the Republic of China, Taiwan, and the State of Idaho established a close sister statehood in 1984 and have fostered close relations through bilateral trade and shared the common value of democracy, human rights, and rule of law of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan remained the second-largest export market of Idaho goods, with an estimated \$499 million in sales and became the largest import partner of Idaho in 2019; and

WHEREAS, following the United States Congress passing the Taiwan Travel Act in 2018 to enhance mutual governmental visits, the United States Congress passed Taiwan Allies International Protection and Enhancement Initiative Act in 2019 to encourage the United States administration to assist Taiwan's meaningful participation in appropriate international organizations; and

WHEREAS, during the pandemic of the novel coronavirus in 2020, Taiwan contributed by donating tens of millions of surgical masks all over the world, 100,000 of which were received for Idaho's frontline responders; and

WHEREAS, Idaho recognizes Taiwan's contribution to share its experience fighting against the pandemic under the spirit of humanitarian assistance and reaffirms to welcome all opportunities for an even closer economic and cultural relationship with Taiwan, including achieving a bilateral free and fair trade agreement; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan President Tsai Ing-Wen announced that the restriction on importation of United States beef over 30 months of age and United States pork containing ractopamine would be lifted effective on January 1, 2021, representing Taiwan's effort to eliminate trade barriers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the House of Representatives, assembled in the First Regular Session of the Sixty-sixth Idaho Legislature, that the Idaho House of Representatives reaffirms the strong relationship and friendship between the State of Idaho and the Republic of China, Taiwan, recognizes Taiwan's contribution to global public health security, encourages the Office of the United States Trade Representative to process the Bilateral Trade Agreement with Taiwan, and supports Taiwan's continued international participation.