

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 35

By: Coffee, Adelson, Aldridge,
Anderson, Ballenger,
Barrington, Bass, Bingman,
Branan, Brogdon, Brown,
Burrage, Coates, Corn,
Crain, Crutchfield, Easley,
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(Mike), Jolley, Justice,
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Paddack, Reynolds, Rice,
Russell, Schulz, Sparks,
Stanislowski, Sweeden,
Sykes, Wilson and Wyrick

A Resolution commemorating the 29th anniversary of the sister-state relationship between the State of Oklahoma and the Province of Taiwan, Republic of China; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, a formal sister-state relationship between the State of Oklahoma and the Province of Taiwan, Republic of China, was entered into in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on July 25, 1980, with Governor George Nigh representing the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the relationship has enabled the residents of both Taiwan and Oklahoma to participate in cultural exchanges and become better acquainted with each other's customs and traditions; and

WHEREAS, since 1980, sisterhood connections have been sealed between the cities of Tulsa and Kaohsiung and Oklahoma City with Taipei and Tainan; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, 358 students from Taiwan studied at Oklahoma colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, two official Oklahoma delegations in 2005 and 2007 and numerous Taiwanese delegations have traveled across the Pacific Ocean, serving as ambassadors of good will; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, Oklahoma exported \$14.34 million in goods and services to Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma exports to Taiwan reached \$28.29 million in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan ranked as Oklahoma's 30th largest export market in 2008; and

WHEREAS, the 29th anniversary of the sister-state relationship between the State of Oklahoma and Taiwan, Republic of China, is an occasion for renewal of the friendship between the two and an opportunity to celebrate their mutually beneficial partnership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate is pleased to commemorate the 29th anniversary of the sister-state relationship between the State of Oklahoma and the Province of Taiwan, Republic of China.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Joseph Chen, Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Houston, Texas.

Adopted by the Senate the 23rd day of April, 2009.

Presiding Officer of the Senate