

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1060

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Resolution celebrating the 34th anniversary of the
10 Sister-State relationship between the State of
11 Oklahoma and Taiwan; welcoming the Honorable Director
12 General Steve Hsia to the Oklahoma House of
13 Representatives; welcoming Taiwan's interest in
14 participating in the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)
15 and endorsing the proposition that Taiwan signs the
16 Bilateral Investment Agreement and Free Trade
17 Agreement with the United States, and participates as
18 an observer in the International Civil Aviation
19 Organization; and directing distribution.

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21 WHEREAS, the United States and Taiwan share an important
22 relationship that is supported by our common values of freedom,
23 democracy, rule of law, and a commitment to a free market economy;
24 and

 WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma and Taiwan initiated a Sister-
State Agreement on July 25, 1980, have enjoyed the benefits of the
bonds of friendship and goodwill since that time, and now prepare to
celebrate their 34th anniversary in 2014; and

1 WHEREAS, the United States ranks as Taiwan's third largest
2 trading partner and Taiwan is the 12th largest trading partner of
3 the United States. Bilateral trade in goods and services between
4 the United States and Taiwan reached \$63 billion in 2012; and

5 WHEREAS, negotiations for a Bilateral Investment Agreement (BIA)
6 between the authorities on Taiwan and the United States are an
7 important step toward strengthening bilateral trade and paving the
8 way for entering into a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between our
9 economies, thereby increasing Oklahoma's exports to Taiwan and
10 creating greater bilateral investment and technical collaboration
11 through tariff reduction and trade facilitation measures; and

12 WHEREAS, Steve Hsia assumed his post as Director General of the
13 Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Houston on March 27, 2013,
14 and he graciously visited the Oklahoma House of Representatives on
15 April 10, 2013, and visited the House of Representatives again in
16 April, 2014.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
18 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

19 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives celebrates the 34th
20 anniversary of the Sister-State relationship between the State of
21 Oklahoma and Taiwan.

22 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives welcomes the
23 Honorable Steve Hsia, Director General of the Taipei Economic and
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1 Cultural Office in Houston, Texas, to the Oklahoma House of
2 Representatives.

3 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives welcomes Taiwan's
4 great interest in participating in the Trans-Pacific Partnership
5 (TPP) and endorses the proposition that Taiwan signs the Bilateral
6 Investment Agreement (BIA) and Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the
7 United States, and participates as an observer in the International
8 Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

9 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Honorable
10 Steve Hsia, Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural
11 Office in Houston, Texas.

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