

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 HOUSE  
4 RESOLUTION 1065

By: Wright

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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  
General Steve Hsia to the Oklahoma House of  
Representatives; and directing distribution.

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14 WHEREAS, the United States and Taiwan share an important  
15 relationship that is supported by our common values of freedom,  
16 democracy, rule of law, and a commitment to a free market economy;  
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18 WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma and Taiwan initiated a Sister-  
19 State Agreement on July 25, 1980, have enjoyed the benefits of the  
20 bonds of friendship and goodwill since that time, and now prepare to  
21 celebrate their 34th anniversary in 2014; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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