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HOUSE RESOLUTION ***20***

A RESOLUTION reaffirming friendship between New Hampshire and Taiwan, encouraging the enhancement of bilateral trade relations, and supporting Taiwan's international participation.

SPONSORS: Rep. Moffett, Merr. 4

COMMITTEE: State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

ANALYSIS

This resolution affirms the friendship between New Hampshire and Taiwan and supports Taiwan's international participation.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Four

A RESOLUTION reaffirming friendship between New Hampshire and Taiwan, encouraging the enhancement of bilateral trade relations, and supporting Taiwan's international participation.

Whereas, the United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan) share a most important bilateral relationship marked by a mutually beneficial partnership, supported by our common values of freedom, democracy, rule of law, and a free market economy, and our countries now enjoy the strongest relations ever; and

Whereas, the United States ranks as Taiwan's 2nd-largest trading partner, and Taiwan is the 8th-largest trading partner of the United States (2022), with United States trade in goods with Taiwan totaling an estimated $135.5 billion in 2022, and Taiwan was the 6th-largest consumer of agricultural goods in 2022 totaling $4.4 billion; and

Whereas, New Hampshire-Taiwan bilateral trade reached $225.14 million in 2022. New Hampshire exported to Taiwan $53 million in integrated circuits, lathes, machinery, lightbulbs, and cell phone related products, making Taiwan New Hampshire's 4th-largest export market in Asia. A bilateral trade agreement between the United States and Taiwan would result in even greater New Hampshire exports to Taiwan and create more jobs for the people of New Hampshire; and

Whereas, a mutually beneficial driver's license reciprocity agreement between New Hampshire and Taiwan will streamline the relevant application process and help facilitate business and tourism, as well as people-to-people exchanges; and

Whereas, Taiwan has expressed the willingness to work with New Hampshire to further enhance educational exchange including Mandarin learning in K-12; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the New Hampshire House of Representatives supports a bilateral trade agreement between the United States and Taiwan and encourages the New Hampshire government to explore ways to strengthen bilateral trade with Taiwan; and

That the members of the New Hampshire House of Representatives support the signing of a driver's license reciprocity agreement and a MOU on education cooperation between New Hampshire and Taiwan, as well as Taiwan's participation in international organizations, agreements, and mechanisms; and

That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, President of the United States; the members of the New Hampshire congressional delegation; the Honorable Chris Sununu, Governor, State of New Hampshire; the Honorable Tsai Ing-wen, President, Republic of China (Taiwan); and Director-General Jonathan Sun, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Boston.