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2019 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 4

April 2, 2019 - Introduced by Representatives KULP, KITCHENS, STEFFEN, MURPHY, SINICKI, BALLWEG, CONSIDINE, ALLEN, SORTWELL, SPIROS, THIESFELDT, KERKMAN, RODRIGUEZ, KRUG, TRANEL, ROHRKASTE, VANDERMEER, SKOWRONSKI and RAMTHUN. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** recognizing the 40th anniversary of the U.S. Congress's enactment of
2 the Taiwan Relations Act, supporting Taiwan's signing of the Bilateral Trade
3 Agreement (BTA) with the United States, and reaffirming support for
4 increasing Taiwan's international profile and for strengthening and expanding
5 sister-state ties between Wisconsin and Taiwan.

6 Whereas, the State of Wisconsin is proud of the sister-state relationship it has
7 enjoyed with the Republic of China (Taiwan) since 1986, which is marked by strong
8 bilateral trade, educational and cultural exchange, and tourism; and

9 Whereas, Taiwan shares the same values of freedom, democracy, human rights,
10 the rule of law, peace, and prosperity with the United States and the State of
11 Wisconsin; and

12 Whereas, the United States ranks as Taiwan's second largest trading partner;
13 Taiwan ranks as the eleventh-largest trading partner of the United States; and
14 bilateral trade reached \$68.2 billion in 2017; and

1 Whereas, the U.S. Congress passed the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA) in 1979 to
2 sustain a close bilateral relationship between the United States and Taiwan, as well
3 as to advance their mutual security and commercial interests, and the TRA has
4 served as the cornerstone of U.S.-Taiwan relations and has helped to preserve peace
5 and stability in the Taiwan Strait; and

6 Whereas, Taiwan and the State of Wisconsin have enjoyed a long and mutually
7 beneficial relationship with the prospect of future growth, and Taiwan was
8 Wisconsin's eighth-largest export market in Asia in 2017, with \$167 million worth
9 of Wisconsin goods exported to Taiwan; and

10 Whereas, negotiations for a Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) between Taiwan
11 and the United States are an important step toward further strengthening bilateral
12 trade between our countries, thereby increasing Wisconsin's exports to Taiwan and
13 creating bilateral investment and technical collaboration, and trade facilitation
14 measures; and

15 Whereas, Taiwan has undertaken a policy of "steadfast diplomacy" in its
16 international relations and is capable of and willing to fulfill its responsibilities and
17 collaborate with the world to deal with the challenges of humanitarian aids, disease
18 control, and so forth; now, therefore, be it

19 ***Resolved by the assembly, That:*** the Wisconsin Assembly reaffirms its
20 commitment to the strengthening and deepening of the sister-state relationship
21 between Taiwan and the State of Wisconsin and recognizes the 40th anniversary of
22 the U.S. Congress's enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act; and, be it further

23 ***Resolved, That*** Wisconsin endorses Taiwan's efforts to secure the signing of
24 the BTA with the United States; and, be it further

1 **Resolved, That** Wisconsin continues to support Taiwan's appropriate
2 participation in international organizations that impact the health, safety, and
3 well-being of the people of Taiwan and supports Taiwan's aspiration to make more
4 contributions in international societies; and, be it further

5 **Resolved, That** the chief clerk of the Assembly is hereby directed to transmit
6 copies of this resolution to the members of the Wisconsin Congressional Delegation
7 and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Chicago, Illinois.

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