



2013 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 104

February 20, 2014 - Introduced by Representatives TRANEL, KULP, MARKLEIN, KNODL, KAUFERT, WILLIAMS and BIES, cosponsored by Senators SCHULTZ and LASSA. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** reaffirming Wisconsin's commitment to its relationship with Taiwan,
2 supporting Taiwan's efforts to secure entry to the Trans-Pacific Partnership,
3 the signing of a bilateral investment agreement between Taiwan and the
4 United States, and supporting Taiwan's participation in the United Nations
5 Framework Convention on Climate Change.

6 Whereas, the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the United States, and in
7 particular the state of Wisconsin, share sister-city and sister-state relationships
8 marked by strong bilateral trade, educational and cultural exchange, and tourism;
9 and

10 Whereas, Taiwan shares with the United States and the state of Wisconsin the
11 common values of freedom, democracy, human rights, and rule of law; and

12 Whereas, the United States ranks as Taiwan's third largest trading partner,
13 Taiwan is the eleventh largest trading partner of the United States, and bilateral
14 trade reached \$63 billion in 2012; and

1 Whereas, Taiwan and the state of Wisconsin have enjoyed a long and mutually
2 beneficial relationship and anticipate continuing growth, with Taiwan ranking as
3 Wisconsin’s 23rd largest export destination in 2012, with \$192.3 million worth of
4 Wisconsin goods shipped to Taiwan, including industrial machinery, computer and
5 electronic products, and agricultural and paper products; and

6 Whereas, Taiwan, seeking to contribute to greater regional integration in the
7 Asia-Pacific region and promotion of bilateral investment and trade relations with
8 the United States, applauds the announcement by the United States of its intent not
9 only to join the Trans-Pacific Partnership, the proposed 21st-century trade
10 agreement between the United States and 11 Asia-Pacific Rim countries, but to
11 expand the partnership’s membership in the future to include other countries, such
12 as Taiwan; and

13 Whereas, Taiwan, an important economic power, a dynamic market economy,
14 and a leading supplier of high-tech products, is the 17th largest economy, 14th
15 largest exporter, and 16th largest importer in the world; and

16 Whereas, Taiwan ranked as the 17th freest country in the world according to
17 the Heritage Foundation’s 2014 Index of Economic Freedom; and

18 Whereas, the fifth largest of 41 economies in the Asia-Pacific region should be
19 included in regional economic integration; and

20 Whereas, negotiations for a bilateral investment agreement between Taiwan
21 and the United States are an important step toward further strengthening bilateral
22 trade and paving the way for entering into a free trade agreement between our two
23 countries, thereby increasing Wisconsin’s exports to Taiwan and creating bilateral
24 investment and technical collaboration through tariff reduction and other trade
25 facilitation measures; and

