



2013 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 41

June 11, 2013 – Introduced by Representative WILLIAMS, cosponsored by Senator SCHULTZ. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** congratulating the Republic of China (Taiwan) on its inclusion in the
2 U.S. Visa Waiver Program effective November 1, 2012, and supporting Taiwan's
3 efforts seeking meaningful participation in the International Civil Aviation
4 Organization (ICAO) with observer status.

5 Whereas, the Republic of China (Taiwan), having marked its centennial in 2011
6 and begun its second century as the world's 19th-largest economy (as of 2011), has
7 achieved economic and social stability and in the last two decades has been lauded
8 as a beacon of democracy for Asia; and

9 Whereas, last fall Taiwan gained membership in the U.S. Visa Waiver Program
10 and, beginning November 1, 2012, became the 37th country to receive visa-free
11 travel privileges to the United States and only the fifth Asian country with visa-free
12 status, joining Japan, South Korea, Singapore, and Brunei; and

13 Whereas, as a result, more Taiwanese will come to the United States for
14 business and tourism, increasing spending of tourist dollars and facilitating
15 business, trade, and investment in the United States, thus contributing to the U.S.

1 and local economies and strengthening bilateral relations and ties with individual
2 states, including Wisconsin; and

3 Whereas, aviation safety has become a major global concern since 2001, and
4 Taiwan is a key air transport hub in the Asia-Pacific region, with more than
5 1,000,000 flights passing through the Taipei Flight Information Region, and has one
6 of the world's largest airports by cargo volume, Taoyuan International Airport, yet
7 Taiwan is not a member of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO); and

8 Whereas, Taiwan seeks meaningful participation with observer status in the
9 International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), but has not been accorded it and
10 is not a member, leaving a gap in the aviation security and navigation system; and

11 Whereas, Taiwan can be a valuable and constructive partner to the ICAO in the
12 global strategy to address airline safety and security based on effective international
13 cooperation, and its participation in that international organization can also narrow
14 the security gap, reduce the exposure to threats, and increase aviation safety; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
17 legislature congratulates the Republic of China (Taiwan) on gaining inclusion in the
18 U.S. Visa Waiver Program as of November 1, 2012, and extends its support for the
19 meaningful participation of Taiwan in the International Civil Aviation Organization
20 (ICAO) with observer status.

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