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2015 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 69

October 8, 2015 – Introduced by Representatives MURTHA, TRANEL, KULP, ALLEN, BALLWEG, HEBL, KLEEFISCH, KRUG, T. LARSON, MURPHY, NYGREN, A. OTT, PETRYK, RIPP, SINICKI and TAUCHEN, cosponsored by Senators MARKLEIN, COWLES, LASEE, LASSA and VINEHOUT. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** reaffirming support for increasing Taiwan’s international profile and
2 for strengthening and expanding sister-city and sister-state ties between
3 Wisconsin and Taiwan; and supporting Taiwan’s efforts to secure entry to the
4 Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and the signing of the Free Trade Agreement
5 (FTA) and Bilateral Investment Agreement (BIA) with the United States.

6 Whereas, the state of Wisconsin is proud of the sister-city and sister-state
7 relationships it enjoys with the Republic of China (Taiwan) marked by strong
8 bilateral trade, educational and cultural exchange, and tourism; and

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

12 Whereas, the United States ranks as Taiwan’s 3rd-largest trading partner and
13 Taiwan ranks as the 12th-largest trading partner of the United States, with
14 bilateral trade reaching \$57.7 billion in 2013; and

1 Whereas, Taiwan and the State of Wisconsin have enjoyed a long and mutually
2 beneficial relationship with the prospect of future growth, and Taiwan was
3 Wisconsin’s 21st-largest export destination in 2014, with \$182 million worth of
4 Wisconsin goods shipped to Taiwan, including industrial machinery and computer,
5 electronic, paper, and agricultural products; and

6 Whereas, the Taiwan Agricultural Goodwill Mission delegation made its
7 inaugural stop in Wisconsin in September 2011, and once again in 2013, reaffirming
8 the cordial relations between Wisconsin and Taiwan and the ongoing mutual trade
9 benefits derived from Taiwan’s reliable imports of Wisconsin’s agricultural goods,
10 which in 2013 totaled more than \$20 million; and

11 Whereas, negotiations for a Bilateral Investment Agreement (BIA) between
12 Taiwan and the United States are an important step toward further strengthening
13 bilateral trade and paving the way for entering into a Free Trade Agreement (FTA)
14 between our countries, thereby increasing Wisconsin’s exports to Taiwan and
15 creating bilateral investment and technical collaboration through tariff reduction
16 and other trade facilitation measures; and

17 Whereas, Taiwan, seeking greater regional economic integration in the
18 Asia-Pacific region and promotion of bilateral investment and trade relations with
19 the United States, welcomes the opportunity presented by the United States’
20 announcement at the 2011 APEC leaders meeting of the United States’ intent not
21 only to join the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), the proposed 21st-century trade
22 agreement between the United States and 11 other Asia-Pacific Rim countries, but
23 to expand TPP membership in the future to include other countries, such as Taiwan;
24 now, therefore, be it

