



2007 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 47

May 3, 2007 – Introduced by Senators A. LASEE, SCHULTZ and LEIBHAM, cosponsored by Representatives GRONEMUS, M. WILLIAMS, GOTTLIEB, KREUSER, SCHNEIDER, MOLEPSKE and GARTHWAITE. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** supporting a Taiwan–United States free trade agreement.

2 Whereas, Taiwan and the United States enjoy one of the most important
3 economic and strategic international relationships; and

4 Whereas, together, Taiwan and the United States promote a faith and respect
5 for freedom, democracy, and fair trade; and

6 Whereas, Taiwan and the United States have worked hand-in-hand to
7 preserve peace and stability within Asia–Pacific and to help improve the lives of their
8 citizens and people around the world; and

9 Whereas, trade between Taiwan and the United States has increased
10 significantly during the past decades, with the United States being Taiwan’s
11 second-largest source of imports and Taiwan being the eighth largest trading
12 partner of the United States; and

13 Whereas, Taiwan is a major trading partner with the United States and an
14 important overseas market for United States agricultural products; given the
15 remarkable economic performance of Taiwan and the strong purchasing power of its

1 23 million people, there are many opportunities to further expand bilateral trade
2 between the United States and Taiwan; and

3 Whereas, streamlined foreign investment procedures developed under a
4 Taiwan–United States free trade agreement would lead to further investment by
5 firms in both Taiwan and the United States and would create new business
6 opportunities and new jobs; and

7 Whereas, a Taiwan–United States free trade agreement would encourage
8 greater innovations and manufacturing efficiencies by stimulating joint
9 technological development, practical applications, and new cooperative ventures;
10 and

11 Whereas, a recent study by the United States International Trade Commission
12 supports the negotiation of a Taiwan–United States free trade agreement to further
13 boost trade between the two countries and serve the broader interests of the United
14 States in Asia–Pacific; now, therefore, be it

15 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of the
16 Wisconsin assembly support the negotiation of a Taiwan–United States free trade
17 agreement; and, be it further

18 ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution to
19 the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Chicago, Illinois.

20 (END)