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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 25-016

101 **CONCERNING STRENGTHENING THE SISTER-STATE RELATIONS**
102 **BETWEEN THE STATE OF COLORADO AND TAIWAN, AND, IN**
103 **CONNECTION THEREWITH, REAFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR**
104 **TAIWAN'S INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION.**

1 WHEREAS, The state of Colorado and Taiwan have enjoyed a
2 mutually beneficial sister-state relationship since 1983; and

3 WHEREAS, Taiwan and Colorado share the same values of
4 freedom, democracy, rule of law, free markets, and respect for individual
5 human rights; and

6 WHEREAS, Colorado and Taiwan have maintained a mutually
7 beneficial trade relationship, so that Taiwan has consistently ranked
8 among Colorado's top ten trading partners both as an export destination

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1 and as an import source; and

2 WHEREAS, On behalf of the state of Colorado, Lieutenant
3 Governor Dianne Primavera led a trade and investment promotion
4 delegation to Taiwan in November 2024, along with officials of the
5 Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade, the
6 Colorado Department of Agriculture, and a Colorado delegation of
7 economic development professionals and industry leaders from the state,
8 who explored opportunities with Taiwan in high-tech industries including
9 aerospace, agriculture, and semiconductors; and

10 WHEREAS, Negotiations for a fair and reciprocal bilateral trade
11 agreement between Taiwan and the United States are an important step
12 toward further strengthening of bilateral trade and mutual investment
13 between Colorado and Taiwan; and

14 WHEREAS, Pressure from the People's Republic of China has
15 excluded Taiwan from full and effective membership in several
16 international organizations; and

17 WHEREAS, The People's Republic of China continues to threaten
18 the sovereignty of Taiwan on a daily basis; and

19 WHEREAS, Taiwan, as a responsible stakeholder in the
20 international community, is seeking to meaningfully participate in the
21 United Nations, the World Health Organization, the United Nations
22 Framework Convention on Climate Change, the International Criminal
23 Police Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization, and
24 the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity launched by the
25 United States; now, therefore,

26 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-fifth General Assembly*
27 *of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

28 That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly:

29 (1) Strongly support Taiwan's sovereignty and vibrant democracy
30 and celebrate the 42nd anniversary of sister-state relations with Taiwan;

31 (2) Strongly support further strengthening of Colorado-Taiwan
32 trade relations and academic exchanges;

1 (3) Strongly support the signing of the Agreement on Avoidance
2 of Double Taxation between the United States and Taiwan to further
3 bilateral investment activities; and

4 (4) Strongly support Taiwan's inclusion in international
5 organizations, which are significant to the health, safety, and well-being
6 of its people and the world.

7 *Be It Further Resolved*, That a copy of this Joint Resolution be
8 sent to Director General Bill Huang of the Taipei Economic and Cultural
9 Office in Denver.