Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1065

By: Wright, Armes, Banz, Bennett, Biggs, Billy, Blackwell, Brown, Brumbaugh, Cannaday, Casey, Christian, Cleveland, Cockroft, Condit, Coody, Cooksey, Cox, Dank, Denney, Derby, DeWitt, Dorman, Echols, Enns, Fisher, Floyd, Fourkiller, Glenn, Grau, Hall, Hamilton, Hardin, Henke, Hickman, Hoskin, Hulbert, Inman, Jackson, Johnson, Jordan, Joyner, Kern, Kirby, Kouplen, Lockhart, Martin (Scott), Martin (Steve), Matthews, McBride, McCall, McCullough, McDaniel (Curtis), McDaniel (Jeannie), McDaniel (Randy), McNiel, McPeak, Moore, Morrissette, Mulready, Murphey, Nelson, Newell, Nollan, O'Donnell, Ortega, Osborn, Ownbey, Perryman, Peterson, Pittman, Proctor, Pruett, Quinn, Renegar, Reynolds, Ritze, Roberts (Dustin), Roberts (Sean), Rousselot, Russ, Sanders, Schwartz, Scott, Sears, Shannon, Shelton, Sherrer, Shoemake, Smalley, Stiles, Thomsen, Trebilcock, Turner, Vaughan, Virgin, Walker, Watson, Wesselhoft, Williams and Wood

A Resolution celebrating the 34th anniversary of the Sister-State relationship between the State of Oklahoma and Taiwan; welcoming the Honorable Director General Steve Hsia to the Oklahoma House of Representatives; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the United States and Taiwan share an important relationship that is supported by our common values of freedom,

democracy, rule of law, and a commitment to a free-market economy; and

WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma and Taiwan initiated a Sister-State Agreement on July 25, 1980, have enjoyed the benefits of the bonds of friendship and goodwill since that time, and now prepare to celebrate their 34th anniversary in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the United States ranks as Taiwan's third largest trading partner and Taiwan is the 12th largest trading partner of the United States. Bilateral trade in goods and services between the United States and Taiwan reached $63 billion in 2012; and

WHEREAS, negotiations for a Bilateral Investment Agreement (BIA) between the authorities of Taiwan and the United States are an important step toward strengthening bilateral trade and paving the way for entering into a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between our economies, thereby increasing Oklahoma's exports to Taiwan and creating greater bilateral investment and technical collaboration through tariff reduction and trade facilitation measures; and

WHEREAS, Steve Hsia assumed his post as Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Houston, Texas, on March 27, 2013, and he graciously visited the Oklahoma House of Representatives on April 10, 2013, and visited the House of Representatives again in April 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives celebrates the 34th anniversary of the Sister-State relationship between the State of Oklahoma and Taiwan.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives welcomes the Honorable Steve Hsia, Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Houston, Texas, to the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Honorable Steve Hsia, Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Houston, Texas.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 14th day of May, 2014.

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 15th day of May, 20 14, at 9:15 o'clock A. M.

By: Chris Bunge