Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1030 By: Moore

A Resolution celebrating the thirty-fifth anniversary of the Sister-State relationship between the State of Oklahoma and Taiwan; expressing support for Taiwan's growing role in the international community; recognizing the May 2014 mutual agreement on the Reciprocal Issuance of Driver Licenses; commending Taiwan for its East China Sea Peace Initiative; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the expansion of Taiwan's role in the international community will enhance the important relationship between Taiwan and the United States, which is supported by the common values of freedom, limited government, the rule of law and a commitment to a free market economy; and

WHEREAS, a Bilateral Investment Agreement (BIA) and a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between Taiwan and the United States and Taiwan's meaningful participation as an observer in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) will contribute to its prosperity and to the synergies created by the close and dynamic partnership between Taiwan and the United States; 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 thirty-fifth anniversary in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the United States ranks as Taiwan's second largest trading partner, and Taiwan is the tenth largest trading partner of the United States. Bilateral trade in goods and services between the United States and Taiwan reached $67.4 billion in 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives hereby celebrates the thirty-fifth anniversary of the Sister-State relationship between the State of Oklahoma and Taiwan and expresses its steadfast support for Taiwan's growing role in the international community.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives hereby recognizes the mutual benefit to business and travel created by the May 2014 mutual agreement between the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety and the Republic of China (Taiwan) through the Ministry of Transportation and Communications on the Reciprocal Issuance of Driver Licenses.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives hereby commends Taiwan, under the leadership of President Ma Ying-jeou, for its East China Sea Peace Initiative, which promotes peace and stability by providing political and economic cooperation and common ground for all parties and brings economic vitality to a troubled zone.

THAT an official copy of this resolution be distributed to the Honorable Louis Min-Jing Huang, Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Houston, as an expression of the sentiment of the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 15th day of May, 2015.

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 18th day of May, 20 15, at 2:07 o'clock P. M.

By: C. Benge