

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 80

BY SENATORS CROWE, THOMPSON AND WHITE

A RESOLUTION

To commend Taiwan, officially known as the Republic of China, for positive economic relations and friendship with the state of Louisiana and to encourage the continuation and further strengthening of these ties.

WHEREAS, in 2014, Governor Bobby Jindal and a senior delegation from Louisiana visited Taiwan highlighting the significance that the state of Louisiana places on this important Asian market for Louisiana goods; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan and Louisiana have maintained a strong, friendly, and long-standing relationship; and

WHEREAS, the relationship between Taiwan and Louisiana includes international trade ties, investment ties, ports ties, and cultural ties; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan ranked as Louisiana's 32nd largest export market and its 46th largest importer nation in 2014; and

WHEREAS, both exports and imports in 2014 between Taiwan and Louisiana experienced more than a twenty percent increase over the previous year; and

WHEREAS, three companies from Taiwan have investments in Louisiana, namely, Dexco Polymers L.P., Formosa Plastics Corporation, and Nan Ya Plastics Corporation of America; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana is a leading state in the United States in attracting foreign direct investment; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana welcomes increased international investment and increased trade with Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, the year 2015 marks the thirtieth anniversary of the sister-state relationship between Taiwan and Louisiana and the thirty-fifth anniversary of the sister-city relationship between the city of Taichung and the city of Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana welcomes reciprocal visits between the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Houston, Texas, and the Louisiana Department of Economic Development; and

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana welcomes the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office and other representatives from Taiwan to establish a presence in our state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Taiwan, officially known as the Republic of China, for its positive economic relations and friendship with the state of Louisiana and hereby encourages the continuation and further strengthening of these ties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Louis M. Huang, Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Houston, Texas.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE