



1 in the United States, support over 370,000 well-paying jobs; and

2 WHEREAS, Taiwan imported nearly \$4.3 billion worth of United States farm  
3 products in 2018, and in 2019, the Taiwan Agricultural Trade Goodwill Mission to the  
4 United States signed letters of intent on soybeans, corn, wheat, and meat, for the purchase  
5 of United States grains worth \$2.7 billion and beef worth \$960 million in 2020-2021; and

6 WHEREAS, Taiwan is a beacon of democracy in Asia, rated as "free" by Freedom  
7 House twenty-one years in a row; and

8 WHEREAS, on January 11, 2020, the people of Taiwan made history with nearly  
9 seventy-five percent of eligible voters participating in the general election, and proving to  
10 the world that democracy works as President Tsai Ing-wen and Vice President-elect Lai  
11 Ching-te were elected to office with historic voter turnout of 8.17 million voters; and

12 WHEREAS, the World Economic Forum's 2019 Global Competitiveness Report  
13 rated Taiwan twelfth among one hundred forty-one economies and recognized Taiwan's  
14 innovation capability as one of the top four in the world, resulting from wide-ranging  
15 regulatory efforts to build an environment conducive to financial sector development and  
16 foreign direct investment, and underscoring the impact of Taiwan's 5+2 industrial innovation  
17 initiative targeting the high-growth sectors of biotech and pharmaceuticals, green energy,  
18 national defense, smart machinery, and Internet of Things as well as the circular economy  
19 and a new agriculture; and

20 WHEREAS, the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979 has continued to provide a sturdy  
21 foundation for robust U.S.-Taiwan relations to flourish for forty-one years; and

22 WHEREAS, both countries have affirmed their partnership in areas of international  
23 humanitarian assistance, public health, and technology under the Global Cooperation and  
24 Training Framework (GCTF) established in June of 2015, and the Taiwan Travel Act of  
25 2018 to encourage high-level officials' visits between the United States and Taiwan; and

26 WHEREAS, this year marks the thirty-fifth anniversary of Louisiana-Taiwan  
27 sister-state relations, which have nurtured and maintained a friendship built upon  
28 unwavering bonds beneficial and rewarding for both governments and their citizens now and  
29 in the future; and

30 WHEREAS, travel from Taiwan to the United States has increased by approximately

