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## 2017 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 108

February 14, 2018 - Introduced by Representatives KULP, TRANEL, SINICKI, ROHRKASTE, BALLWEG, THIESFELDT, E. BROOKS, VANDERMEER, KERKMAN, KRUG, STEFFEN, TUSLER, SPIROS and BERNIER, cosponsored by Senators MARKLEIN and MOULTON. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1     **Relating to:** supporting Taiwan's signing of the Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA)  
2             with the United States and reaffirming support for increasing Taiwan's  
3             international profile and for strengthening and expanding sister-state ties  
4             between Wisconsin and Taiwan.

5             Whereas, the state of Wisconsin is proud of the sister-state relationship it has  
6             enjoyed with the Republic of China (Taiwan) since 1986, which is marked by strong  
7             bilateral trade, educational and cultural exchange, and tourism; and

8             Whereas, Taiwan shares the same values of freedom, democracy, human rights,  
9             the rule of law, peace, and prosperity with the United States and the state of  
10            Wisconsin; and

11            Whereas, the United States ranks as Taiwan's second-largest trading partner,  
12            Taiwan ranks as the tenth-largest trading partner of the United States, and  
13            bilateral trade reached \$65.3 billion in 2016; and

14            Whereas, Taiwan and the state of Wisconsin have enjoyed a long and mutually  
15            beneficial relationship with the prospect of future growth, and Taiwan was

1 Wisconsin's eighth-largest export market in 2016, with \$185 million worth of  
2 Wisconsin goods exported to Taiwan; and

3 Whereas, negotiations for a Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) between Taiwan  
4 and the United States are an important step toward further strengthening bilateral  
5 trade between our countries, thereby increasing Wisconsin's exports to Taiwan and  
6 creating bilateral investment, technical collaboration, and trade facilitation  
7 measures; and

8 Whereas, Taiwan has undertaken a policy of "steadfast diplomacy" in its  
9 international relations and is capable of and willing to fulfill its responsibilities and  
10 collaborate with the world to deal with the challenges of humanitarian aids, disease  
11 control, and so forth; now, therefore, be it

12 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the Wisconsin  
13 legislature reaffirms its commitment to the strengthening and deepening of the  
14 sister-state relationship between Taiwan and the state of Wisconsin; and, be it  
15 further

16 ***Resolved, That*** Wisconsin endorses Taiwan's efforts to secure the signing of  
17 the BTA with the United States; and, be it further

18 ***Resolved, That*** Wisconsin continues to support Taiwan's appropriate  
19 participation in international organizations that impact the health, safety, and  
20 well-being of the people of Taiwan and supports Taiwan's aspiration to make more  
21 contributions in international societies; and, be it further

22 ***Resolved, That*** the chief clerk of the assembly is hereby directed to transmit  
23 copies of this resolution to the members of the Wisconsin Congressional delegation  
24 and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Chicago, Illinois.

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