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# SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES TO SUPPORT THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S  
(TAIWAN) PARTICIPATION IN THE TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP.

1           WHEREAS, President Obama's foreign policy strategy,  
2 "Rebalancing to Asia", represents a significant shift in  
3 American foreign policy from a Middle Eastern/European focus to  
4 an East/South Asian one; and

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6           WHEREAS, the effect of "Rebalancing to Asia", among other  
7 things, is that Asia-Pacific countries must integrate into the  
8 regional economic organizations as well; and

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10           WHEREAS, Taiwanese President Ma Ying-jeou, in his 2014 New  
11 Year Address, announced that Taiwan will make its best efforts  
12 to participate in Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP, formally known  
13 as the Trans-Pacific Strategic Economic Partnership Agreement)  
14 and other regional economic integration mechanism for the  
15 benefits of Taiwan and international community; and

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17           WHEREAS, Taiwan is a full member of the World Trade  
18 Organization and the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation, and it  
19 has and continues to interact with the member economies equally  
20 and positively over the years; and

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22           WHEREAS, Taiwan is also committed to multilateral economic  
23 development and participates actively in the negotiations and  
24 initiatives; and

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26           WHEREAS, as an industrialized nation, Taiwan aspires to  
27 play a more active role in the Asia-Pacific region and to  
28 provide more contributions to the international economic  
29 community; and

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31           WHEREAS, Taiwan has signed economic agreements with New  
32 Zealand and Singapore, which are members of TPP; and

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34           WHEREAS, Taiwan has a very close relationship with TPP  
35 members, and trade between Taiwan and the twelve TPP members



1 account for thirty-five percent of Taiwan's total foreign trade;  
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4 WHEREAS, if Taiwan joins the TPP, it will be the sixth  
5 largest economy in TPP; and

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7 WHEREAS, Taiwan is ready and qualified to join TPP as a  
8 member to provide more contributions to the Asia-pacific region,  
9 for the following reasons:

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11 (1) Taiwan is the eighteenth largest economy in the world  
12 and the tenth largest economy in the Asia Pacific  
13 Economic Cooperation;

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15 (2) Taiwan's electronics, information and communication  
16 technology, bio-technology, and auto parts industries  
17 are indispensable in the Asia-Pacific supply chains;

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19 (3) Taiwan is the largest semiconductor foundry and the  
20 second largest light-emitting diode (LED) panel  
21 industry globally;

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23 (4) Taiwan's machinery exports is the third largest by  
24 volume in the world and its exportation of auto parts  
25 is the eighth largest in the world; and

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27 (5) According to the 2013 report of the Chung-Hua  
28 Institution for Economic Research, Taiwan's  
29 participation in the TPP will bring \$78 billion in  
30 social welfare for all the members of TPP; and

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32 WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States have long enjoyed a  
33 cordial friendship based on shared common interests in promoting  
34 peace, stability, and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region; and

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36 WHEREAS, Taiwan would share the fruits of mutual free trade  
37 as a member of the TPP, and enhance and strengthen the economic  
38 and business ties between the people of Taiwan and the United  
39 States of America; now, therefore,

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41 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh  
42 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014,  
43 that this body urges the President of the United States of  
44 America and the Congress of the United States of America to



1 support the Republic of China's (Taiwan) participation in the  
2 Trans-Pacific Partnership; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
5 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,  
6 President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, Speaker of  
7 the United States House of Representatives, United States  
8 Secretary of State, Ambassador of the Office of the United  
9 States Trade Representative, Hawaii's congressional delegation,  
10 Governor of Hawaii, and the Director-General of the Taipei  
11 Economic and Cultural Office in Honolulu.

