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THE IDAHO SENATE COMMEMORATES 40 YEARS OF SISTER STATE RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN.

WHEREAS, this year marks the 40th anniversary of our sister-state relationship with Taiwan, which has flourished over the decades into a profound partnership. This milestone not only symbolizes the enduring friendship between Idaho and Taiwan but also the deep economic, educational, and cultural ties that bind our communities; and

WHEREAS, the sister-state relationship between Idaho and Taiwan has been a cornerstone of shared prosperity. Taiwan is Idaho's second-largest trade partner, accounting for the export of more than \$500 million in Idaho products in 2023. Our economic partnership, particularly in the semiconductor industry, fuels innovation and economic growth in both regions and solidifies our position in the global market; and WHEREAS, our educational cooperation has allowed for meaningful exchanges and opportunities for Idahoan and Taiwanese students and scholars. These initiatives nurture a deeper understanding and appreciation of our cultures, laying a foundation for future leaders; and

WHEREAS, this year also marks the 45th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA), a testament to the United States' commitment to supporting Taiwan and fostering connections between our people. Idaho's sister-state relationship with Taiwan exemplifies the TRA legacy, illustrating how state-level engagements can contribute to national and global stability and economic growth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as we celebrate this milestone, the Idaho Senate reaffirms its commitment to strengthening our friendship with Taiwan. Our relationship contributes to broader discussions on global stability, economic freedom, and democratic values. Our partnership is a testament to the importance of international collaboration in addressing global challenges and advancing prosperity. We look forward to building upon our shared achievements and exploring new avenues for collaboration to benefit our people for generations to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is hereby authorized to create a commemorative copy of this Proclamation to be signed by Senate Leadership and sent to Taiwan.

President Pro Tempore

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