

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 57

WHEREAS, civil aviation plays a pivotal role in promoting cultural exchange, business, trade, and tourism; and
WHEREAS, developing international civil aviation in a safe and orderly manner is the supreme cause of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO); and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is the world's 20th largest economy, ranks 18th among countries in trading, and is a key air transport hub linking Northeast and Southeast Asia; and

WHEREAS, over 174,000 international flights travel to and from Taiwan, with foreign passengers making approximately 3.8 million trips to the island every year; and over 35 million passengers, including 25.39 million passengers on international flights, arrived and departed from Taiwan's airports in 2008; and

WHEREAS, without Taiwan's participation, international flight plans, regulations, and procedures that ICAO formulates will be incomplete; and

WHEREAS, in the 1994 Taiwan Policy Review, the United States declared its intention to support Taiwan's participation in appropriate international organizations; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri and Taiwan have entered into a sister state relationship since 1980, with both sides highly regarding this mutually beneficial link:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-fifth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby endorse an observer status for Taiwan in the International Civil Aviation Organization; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the United States Secretary of State, the United States Secretary of Transportation, each member of the Missouri congressional delegation, and the Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Kansas City, Missouri.

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