

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 119**

Introduced by Hardin, 48; Andersen, 49; Clements, 2; DeKay, 40; Hallstrom, 1; Jacobson, 42; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47.

WHEREAS, Nebraska and Taiwan have participated in a sister-state relationship since 1983; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska and Taiwan share the same values of freedom, democracy, rule of law, and respect for human dignity; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska and Taiwan have enjoyed a mutually beneficial bilateral trade relationship with Taiwan ranking as Nebraska's twelfth largest import source and eighth largest export destination in 2023; and

WHEREAS, negotiations for a fair and reciprocal bilateral trade agreement between Taiwan and the United States are an important step toward further strengthening of bilateral trade and mutual investment between Nebraska and Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is a major global trading partner for the United States and is a major export market for American agricultural products.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Legislature supports Taiwan's vibrant democracy and celebrates the forty-second anniversary of Nebraska's sister-state relationship with Taiwan.

2. That the Legislature acknowledges the rich history of friendship and welcomes strengthening economic and trade relations between Nebraska and Taiwan.