

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 609

Introduced by Mello, 5; Smith, 14.

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Nebraska have enjoyed a well-established economic partnership with the people of the Republic of China (Taiwan); and

WHEREAS, beginning in 2014, Taiwan became Nebraska's eleventh largest import partner; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, Taiwan also became Nebraska's eleventh largest export partner, with \$119.6 million of Nebraska-based exports; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, the State of Nebraska embarked on a trade mission to Taiwan that led to a trade agreement for approximately \$400 million of Nebraska corn, soybeans, and wheat to be sold to Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, similar trade agreements between the State of Nebraska and Taiwan were signed in 2007 and 2010 that each resulted in nearly \$500 million in executed sales of Nebraska corn, soybeans, and wheat; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, Taiwan became the United States' tenth largest global trading partner and is the seventh largest export market for American agricultural products; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the United States became Taiwan's second largest trading partner; and

WHEREAS, the United States and Taiwan continue to develop cultural and educational partnerships with universities, colleges, state economic development and agriculture agencies, state legislators, and chambers of commerce.

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

1. That the Legislature acknowledges the rich history of friendship and

commerce between the State of Nebraska and Taiwan.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Denver, Colorado and to the Secretary of State.