

Senators Hune, Jones, Meekhof and Schuitmaker offered the following concurrent resolution:
Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8.

A concurrent resolution to invite the Republic of China (Taiwan) to enter into a sister-state relationship with the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The people of the Republic of China (Taiwan) are among the most trusted friends of the American people. They have built a prosperous, successful, and free economy, particularly in the production of agricultural products, textiles, electrical machinery, and plastic products. Taiwan has established itself as an important trading partner with the United States; and

Whereas, In a complex world, it is important to promote greater world understanding by learning more about the people of different nations. Such learning is mutually beneficial and encourages social, economic, educational, and cultural connections through which all nations are enriched and world understanding is increased; and

Whereas, It would be in the best interest of us and Taiwan to strengthen our current knowledge of one another by creating a sister-state relationship between the state of Michigan and Taiwan. Through this relationship, we can create social, economic, educational, and cultural programs that bring our citizens closer together and strengthen international understanding and goodwill; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That we invite the Republic of China (Taiwan) to enter into a sister-state relationship with the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the members of the Michigan congressional delegation and the executive and legislative officials of the Republic of China (Taiwan).