

Senator Meekhof offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 103.

A resolution to congratulate the government and people of the Republic of China (Taiwan) on the celebration of their 106th National Day on October 10, 2017.

Whereas, Relations between the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the United States are marked by strong bilateral trade, education, and cultural exchanges. In 2016, bilateral trade totaled more than \$65.4 billion in exchanged goods, making the U.S. the third-largest trading partner of Taiwan, and Taiwan the tenth-largest trading partner of the United States; and

Whereas, Taiwan and the state of Michigan have long benefited from this relationship. In 2016, Taiwan was the Michigan's sixth-largest market in Asia and Michigan exports to Taiwan amounted to \$298.59 million, a 20 percent increase from 2015. From 2013 to 2016, Michigan imports from Taiwan increased from \$705 million to \$867 million, a 23 percent increase, making the outlook for joint economic and cultural growth in the future bright; and

Whereas, Considering that Taiwan is capable of and willing to fulfill its responsibilities and to collaborate with the world to deal with the challenges of humanitarian aids and disease control. Taiwan's meaningful participation in international organizations benefits the international community as a whole, including the state of Michigan; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body congratulate the government and people of the Republic of China (Taiwan) on their 106th National Day on October 10, 2017; and be it further

Resolved, That we continue to support Taiwan's meaningful participation in international organizations which impact the health, safety and well-being of its people, and supports its aspiration to make more contributions in international societies; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the U.S. Secretary of State; the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Chicago, Illinois; and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.