

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7—Senators Hammond; Brooks, Cancela, Cannizzaro, Denis, Dondero Loop, Goicoechea, Hansen, Hardy, D. Harris, Kieckhefer, Ohrenschall, Parks, Pickard, Ratti, Scheible, Seevers Gansert, Settlemeyer, Spearman, Washington and Woodhouse

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Celebrating the sister-state relationship between the State of Nevada and Taiwan, and urging the enhancement of bilateral trade, educational and cultural relations.

WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act; and

WHEREAS, The United States and Taiwan share an important relationship supported by common values, including freedom, democracy, rule of law and a free market economy; and

WHEREAS, The State of Nevada is proud of the sister-state relationship it has enjoyed with Taiwan since 1985, which has been consolidated by strong bilateral religious, trade, educational and cultural exchanges, scientific and technological development and tourism; and

WHEREAS, The United States ranks as Taiwan’s second-largest trading partner and Taiwan ranks as the eleventh-largest trading partner of the United States, with approximately \$68 billion in 2018 in goods and services traded between the United States and Taiwan, with Nevada exporting more than \$56 million in goods to Taiwan, mainly including computers and electronic products, food manufactures, chemicals and machinery products; and

WHEREAS, The Asia-Pacific region is the largest market in the world for American exports, many of Nevada’s exports go to markets in the Asia-Pacific region, and, as of 2018, Taiwan is Nevada’s 24th largest export market in Asia; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan and Nevada share a 34-year history of economic exchange with over \$635 million in trade occurring



annually, including Nevada's small business community exporting \$60 million in goods and services to Taiwan in 2018, while Nevada imported about \$575 million in goods and services from Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, Each year over 600,000 visitors from Taiwan travel to Nevada to experience the State's western spirit and world class hospitality, gastronomy and entertainment venues; and

WHEREAS, Over 30,000 Taiwanese citizens currently reside in Nevada and have enriched our communities while sharing their great culture and enhancing ours; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That we, the members of the Nevada Legislature, on behalf of the people we represent, reaffirm the friendship between Nevada and Taiwan, and we continue to support efforts to further strengthen Nevada-Taiwan trade, educational and cultural relations; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to United States Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo, the members of the Nevada Congressional delegation, Governor Steve Sisolak, and Director General Joseph Ma of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in San Francisco.

