

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5020

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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION endorsing Taiwan's participation as
2 an observer in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
3 and United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
4 (UNFCCC).

5 *WHEREAS*, Civil aviation plays a pivotal role in promoting cultural
6 exchange, business, trade and tourism; and

7 *WHEREAS*, The development of international civil aviation in a safe
8 and orderly manner is the supreme cause of the International Civil
9 Aviation Organization (ICAO); and

10 *WHEREAS*, Taiwan is the world's 20th largest economy, the 18th
11 largest trading country and a key air transport hub linking Northeast and
12 Southeast Asia; and

13 *WHEREAS*, Over 174,000 international flights travel to and from
14 Taiwan, with foreign passengers making around 3.8 million trips to the
15 island every year and over 35 million passengers, including 25.39 million
16 passengers on international flights, arrived and departed from Taiwan's
17 airports in 2008; and

18 *WHEREAS*, Without Taiwan's participation, international flight plans,
19 regulations and procedures that the ICAO formulates will be incomplete
20 and unsafe: Now, therefore,

21 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas,*
22 *the Senate concurring therein:* That the Kansas legislature endorses
23 Taiwan's participation in the International Civil Aviation Organization as
24 an observer; and

25 *Be it further resolved:* That the Kansas legislature is supportive of all
26 efforts to grant Taiwan official observer status at the United Nations
27 Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC); and

28 *Be it further resolved:* That copies of this resolution be sent to the
29 United States Secretary of State, the United States Secretary of
30 Transportation and to each member of the Kansas Congressional
31 Delegation and to the Director-General of the Taipei Economic and
32 Cultural Office in Kansas City.