

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 123

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WHEREAS, civil aviation plays a pivotal role in promoting cultural exchange, business, trade, and tourism; and

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

WHEREAS, Taiwan is the world's twentieth-largest economy, eighteenth-largest trading country, and a key air transport hub linking Northeast and Southeast Asia; and

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

WHEREAS, without Taiwan's participation, international flight plans, regulations, and procedures that the ICAO formulates will be incomplete and unsafe.

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

1. That the Legislature endorses the proposition that Taiwan participate in the International Civil Aviation Organization as an observer.

2. That the Legislature is supportive of all efforts to grant Taiwan official observer status at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. As a collaborative partner of the United States on a wide range of public issues, Taiwan should be afforded the opportunity to participate in global efforts aimed at reducing and preventing global warming and natural disasters.

3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the United States Secretary of State, the United States Secretary of Transportation, each member of the Nebraska congressional delegation, and the Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Kansas City.