

28 and activities through granting of observer status;

29 WHEREAS, the United States arms sales to Taiwan are guided by the 1979 Taiwan
30 Relations Act, which calls for the United States to provide defense weaponry to Taiwan and to
31 prevent the forcible invasion of Taiwan by China;

32 WHEREAS, the approved sales of the F-16 A/B upgrade package to Taiwan in 2011
33 cannot address the increasing military imbalance between Taiwan and China;

34 WHEREAS, successive reports issued by the United States and Taiwanese defense
35 authorities indicate that Taiwan continues to face threats, including the continued military
36 buildup by China;

37 WHEREAS, as an example, Beijing has more than 2,000 missiles aimed at Taiwan and
38 continues to add to this number;

39 WHEREAS, China is also forging ahead and deploying next generation military
40 technology;

41 WHEREAS, Taiwan's F-16 A/B Mirage and Indigenous Defense Fighter (IDF) fleets
42 are outdated;

43 WHEREAS, Taiwan's failure to obtain advanced fighters severely weakens its air
44 defense capacity;

45 WHEREAS, concern has been raised from military experts that Taiwan is losing its
46 qualitative advantage in defensive arms, which has long served as its primary military
47 deterrent;

48 WHEREAS, the sale of F-16 C/D fighters can make Taiwan a force multiplier and give
49 a boost to the United States' "anti-access" and "air-sea battle" plans; and

50 WHEREAS, the F-16 C/D arms sale would yield approximately \$5 billion, plus the
51 accrued follow-up maintenance costs, to the United States, supporting at least 10,000 direct
52 jobs and 30,000 indirect jobs in more than 40 states in the United States:

53 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah
54 urges the Obama Administration to support Taiwan's meaningful participation as an observer in
55 the United Nations' specialized agencies, programs, and conventions.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges the Obama Administration to
57 support sales of F-16 C/D series fighter jets to the government of Taiwan to upgrade its air
58 defense capacity.

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the president of
60 the United States, the government of Taiwan, and the members of Utah's congressional
61 delegation.

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