
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENDORISING TAIWAN'S PARTICIPATION AS AN OBSERVER IN THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE, INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION, WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, AND INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL POLICE ORGANIZATION AND SUPPORTING TAIWAN'S PARTICIPATION IN THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF SISTER-STATE RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN.

1 WHEREAS, the United States Department of State has
2 officially affirmed its support for the participation of Taiwan
3 as an observer in the United Nations Framework Convention on
4 Climate Change (UNFCCC) and in the International Civil Aviation
5 Organization; and

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7 WHEREAS, climate change has become a major global issue
8 confronting humanity in the twenty-first century, and Taiwan's
9 inclusion in the UNFCCC as an observer will enable Taiwan to
10 make valuable contributions to the international community; and

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12 WHEREAS, Taiwan is a key air transport hub that links
13 Northeast and Southeast Asia, and inclusion of Taiwan in the
14 International Civil Aviation Organization as an observer will
15 ensure the aviation safety of passengers from Taiwan and abroad;
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18 WHEREAS, since April 2009, Taiwan's Health Minister was
19 invited by the Director General of the World Health Organization
20 to lead a delegation to attend the annual World Health Assembly
21 as an observer, setting a precedent for Taiwan's participation
22 in United Nations specialized agencies; and

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24 WHEREAS, United States President Barack Obama has signed a
25 bill that requires the United States Secretary of State to
26 develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan in the



1 International Criminal Police Organization and other
2 international groups; and
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4 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii and the Taiwan Province of the
5 Republic of China jointly established a sister state
6 relationship in 1993 to promote international understanding and
7 goodwill and to strengthen a greater friendship between the
8 residents of Hawaii and Taiwan; and
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10 WHEREAS, over the past twenty-three years, the bonds of
11 true friendship and a steadfast trade partnership between Hawaii
12 and Taiwan have strengthened, resulting in a better economic,
13 social, and cultural exchange between the two governments; now,
14 therefore,
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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
17 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
18 Session, of 2016, the Senate concurring, that this body joins the
19 United States to endorse the participation of Taiwan as an
20 observer in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate
21 Change, International Civil Aviation Organization, World Health
22 Organization, and International Criminal Police Organization;
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body supports Taiwan's
26 participation in the twenty-third anniversary of sister-state
27 relations with Taiwan; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
30 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
31 United States, President Pro Tempore of the United States
32 Senate, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives,
33 United States Secretary of State, members of Hawaii's
34 congressional delegation, Governor of Hawaii, and Director of
35 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

