
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; ENCOURAGING A U.S.-TAIWAN BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENT; AND CELEBRATING THE STATE OF HAWAII'S TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF SISTER-STATE RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN.

1 WHEREAS, as a global citizen, Taiwan upholds the universal
2 values of peace, freedom, democracy, and human rights; and
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4 WHEREAS, Taiwan is a committed provider of humanitarian
5 aid; from malaria prevention programs in Africa, to agricultural
6 projects in Latin America and the Caribbean; from medical
7 missions in the South Pacific, to disaster relief in Asia; these
8 are a few examples of how Taiwan has consistently strived to
9 make a real difference throughout the world; and
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11 WHEREAS, for years, Taiwan has actively engaged in climate
12 change research, supported anti-terrorism cooperation, and
13 worked with its partners to tackle transnational crime; and
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15 WHEREAS, through its participation in its annual World
16 Health Assembly since April of 2009, Taiwan has shared its
17 renowned expertise in disease control and prevention; and
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19 WHEREAS, Taiwan's meaningful participation in international
20 bodies such as the World Health Organization, International
21 Criminal Police Organization, United Nations Framework
22 Convention on Climate Change, and International Civil Aviation
23 Organization would make international mechanisms truly global;
24 and
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26 WHEREAS, Hawaii has a strong cultural, historical, and
27 economic relationship with Taiwan since sister-state relations
28 were established on December 19, 1993, and the bonds of true



1 friendship and a steadfast trade partnership have strengthened
2 over the past twenty-five years; and
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4 WHEREAS, Taiwan is the tenth largest trading partner of the
5 United States with more than \$65,000,000,000 in goods traded
6 between the United States and Taiwan in 2016, and the United
7 States is the leading country for foreign direct investment in
8 Taiwan; and
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10 WHEREAS, the deep economic relationship between the United
11 States and Taiwan has created hundreds of thousands of jobs in
12 the United States that rely on exports to Taiwan; now,
13 therefore,
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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
16 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
17 of 2018, the Senate concurring, that this body joins the United
18 States in endorsing the participation of Taiwan as an observer
19 in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change,
20 International Civil Aviation Organization, World Health
21 Organization, and International Criminal Police Organization;
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body also joins the United
25 States House of Representatives in encouraging the United States
26 Trade Representative to commence negotiations to enter into a
27 bilateral trade agreement with Taiwan; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body supports the State of
30 Hawaii's twenty-fifth anniversary of sister-state relations with
31 Taiwan; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
34 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
35 United States; President Pro Tempore of the United States
36 Senate; Speaker of the United States House of Representatives;
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1 United States Secretary of State; members of Hawaii's
2 congressional delegation; Governor; and Director of Business,
3 Economic Development, and Tourism.
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