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SENATE RESOLUTION

STANDING WITH TAIWAN TO SUPPORT DEMOCRACY AND SECURITY.

1 WHEREAS, the United States and Republic of China, known
2 commonly in the United States as Taiwan, are bonded by shared
3 values and a shared commitment to democracy, human rights, the
4 rule of law; and

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6 WHEREAS, Taiwan acted as a generous and well-intentioned
7 true friend to the people of Hawaii after the August 2023
8 wildfires; and

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10 WHEREAS, the people of Taiwan have maintained endearing
11 relationships with the people of the United States; and

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13 WHEREAS, Taiwan is an indispensable partner in safeguarding
14 peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region; and

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16 WHEREAS, Taiwan is the world's largest producer of
17 semiconductors and a leader in information and communications
18 technology and produces over ninety percent of the most advanced
19 chips used in smartphones and data centers; and

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21 WHEREAS, Taiwan's technology is a key driver of economic
22 growth and national progress, and United States companies and
23 consumers are among the leading beneficiaries of trade with
24 Taiwan's chip sector; and

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26 WHEREAS, Taiwan is the United States' seventh largest
27 merchandise trading partner (\$158,600,000,000 in total goods),
28 tenth largest export market (\$42,300,000,000), and eighth
29 largest source of imports (\$116,300,000,000); and

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31 WHEREAS, Taiwan is a top United States trade partner and a
32 key link to global technology and manufacturing supply chains;
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1 WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed the landmark
2 Taiwan Relations Act in 1979 to sustain a close bilateral
3 relationship and advance mutual security and commercial
4 interests between the United States and Taiwan; and
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6 WHEREAS, the Taiwan Relations Act serves as a cornerstone
7 of United States-Taiwan relations, preserving peace and
8 stability in the Taiwan Strait, which is crucial to the
9 maintenance of a free and open Indo-Pacific region; and
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11 WHEREAS, Taiwan has expressed support for, and wishes to
12 become a full member of, the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework;
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15 WHEREAS, the intent of the United States-Taiwan Initiative
16 on Twenty-First Century Trade is to develop concrete methods to
17 deepen the economic and trade relationship between the two
18 countries; and
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20 WHEREAS, to strengthen bilateral trade, the government of
21 Taiwan has expressed its desire to sign with the United States a
22 Bilateral Trade Agreement, Bilateral Investment Agreement, and
23 an Avoidance of Double Taxation Agreement; and
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25 WHEREAS, Hawaii and Taiwan established a sister-state
26 relationship in 1993, developing an enduring and mutually
27 beneficial friendship; and
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29 WHEREAS, Hawaii is one of the top exporters of agriculture
30 products to Taiwan; and
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32 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii Office in Taipei and the
33 Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Honolulu have worked
34 together in friendship and cooperation to promote future
35 cooperation and exchanges in areas of tourism, agriculture,
36 culture, education, and trade; and
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38 WHEREAS, the United States-Taiwan Education Initiative was
39 launched in 2020 to strengthen cooperation on international
40 education and highlight Taiwan's ability to provide Mandarin
41 language instruction; and
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1 WHEREAS, given Mandarin's designation in the United States
2 as a critical language, as well as Taiwan's plans to be
3 bilingual by 2030, schools and institutions of higher education
4 in Hawaii and Taiwan are encouraged to enhance their exchange
5 programs; and
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7 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii and National Taiwan Ocean
8 University have signed a memorandum of understanding on Academic
9 Cooperation and Agreement of Cooperative Master Programs, to
10 improve the bilateral exchange of education; and
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12 WHEREAS, the United States has assisted Taiwan in
13 participating in the World Health Organization, International
14 Civil Aviation Organization, and International Criminal Police
15 Organization and will hopefully continue to support Taiwan's
16 meaningful participation in these and other international
17 organizations; now, therefore,
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
20 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025,
21 that this body stands with Taiwan to support democracy and
22 security; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body endorses the
25 participation of Taiwan as an observer in the United Nations
26 Framework Convention on Climate Change, International Civil
27 Aviation Organization, World Health Organization, and
28 International Criminal Police Organization; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body supports further
31 progress on the United States-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century
32 Trade; and
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body makes it known
35 without any doubt that it stands by our international Democratic
36 partners including Taiwan; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
39 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States;
40 Majority Leader of the United States Senate; Speaker of the
41 United States House of Representatives; United States Secretary
42 of State; United States Secretary of Defense; United States



1 Trade Representative; members of Hawaii's Congressional
2 delegation; Governor; and Director of Business, Economic
3 Development, and Tourism.

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