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Introduced by:  
(GAE)

**RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE TWENTY-FOURTH  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONNECTICUT-TAIWAN SISTER-STATE  
RELATIONSHIP.**

Resolved by this Assembly:

1 WHEREAS, the state of Connecticut and the Republic of China  
2 (Taiwan) have enjoyed a long history of friendship and have maintained  
3 a fruitful sister-state relationship encompassing cultural, educational  
4 and economic exchanges since 1999; and

5 WHEREAS, the state of Connecticut exported 235 million dollars'  
6 worth of products to Taiwan in 2021, making Taiwan one of the most  
7 important foreign markets for Connecticut, and strengthening a robust  
8 bilateral trade relationship as well as fostering a continued collaboration  
9 between their respective industries; and

10 WHEREAS, as a full-fledged democracy and robust free-market  
11 economy, Taiwan shares with the United States the principles and  
12 values that provide a strong foundation for mutually beneficial  
13 relations; and

14 WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed the landmark Taiwan  
15 Relations Act (TRA) in 1979 to sustain a close bilateral relationship as  
16 well as to advance mutual security and commercial interests between  
17 the United States and Taiwan, and the TRA, together with the Six  
18 Assurances of President Ronald Reagan in 1982, have served as the  
19 cornerstone of United States-Taiwan relations and have helped to  
20 preserve peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait; and

21 WHEREAS, peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait is crucial to the  
22 maintenance of a free and open Indo-Pacific, and Taiwan is an  
23 indispensable partner in safeguarding peace and stability in the region;  
24 and

25 WHEREAS, the United States-Taiwan Education Initiative was  
26 launched in 2020 to strengthen cooperation on international education  
27 and highlight Taiwan's ability to provide instruction in Mandarin, and  
28 given Mandarin's designation as a critical language for maintaining  
29 national security by the United States, the state of Connecticut welcomes  
30 opportunities to advance educational exchanges with Taiwan; and

31 WHEREAS, Taiwan has signed mutual driver's license recognition  
32 pacts with 36 states of the United States since 2013, and more than 16,000  
33 Taiwanese and American citizens have taken advantage of such pacts,  
34 and were Taiwan and the state of Connecticut to enter into a driver's  
35 license reciprocity agreement with each other, such an agreement would  
36 help increase the mobility of international students, businessmen, and  
37 academics from both sides; and

38 WHEREAS, Taiwan's inclusion in the United States Visa Waiver  
39 Program and Global Entry, and the reciprocal travel facilitation enjoyed  
40 by United States citizens when visiting Taiwan, allows Taiwan and the  
41 United States to develop closer relations and witness rapid growth in all  
42 areas of bilateral development; and

43 WHEREAS, the United States has assisted Taiwan in participating in  
44 the World Health Organization (WHO), the International Civil Aviation  
45 Organization (ICAO) and the International Criminal Police  
46 Organization (INTERPOL) and it will continue to support Taiwan's  
47 participation in the United Nations and other international  
48 organizations; and

49 WHEREAS, the United States and Taiwan enjoy longstanding and  
50 extensive economic ties, including 111.4 billion dollars in bilateral trade  
51 in 2021, making Taiwan the eighth largest trading partner of the United  
52 States; and

53 WHEREAS, in order to strengthen the bilateral trade relations with  
54 the United States, the government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) has  
55 expressed its desire to sign a Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) and an  
56 Avoidance of Double Taxation Agreement (ADTA) with the United  
57 States.

58 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Connecticut General  
59 Assembly pause in its deliberations to recognize the twenty-fourth  
60 anniversary of the Connecticut-Taiwan Sister-State Relationship, and  
61 reiterate its support for a closer economic and trade partnership  
62 between the United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan); and

63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerks of the Senate and House  
64 of Representatives cause a copy of this resolution to be sent to President  
65 Tsai Ing-wen of the Republic of China (Taiwan) through the Taipei  
66 Economic and Cultural Office in New York.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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