

## House Resolution 76

By: Representatives Taylor of the 79<sup>th</sup>, Williamson of the 115<sup>th</sup>, Dollar of the 45<sup>th</sup>, Frye of the 118<sup>th</sup>, Brockway of the 102<sup>nd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Taiwan for its relations with the United States; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States are longstanding allies that both deeply cherish  
3 the common values of freedom, democracy, human rights, and the rule of law; and
- 4 WHEREAS, in 2016, Taiwan held its sixth direct presidential election and Tsai Ing-wen was  
5 elected as the 14th President of Taiwan, becoming the first female president in the country's  
6 history; along with her Vice President Chen Chien-jen, she hopes to continue to build the  
7 country's rich tradition of economic vitality, cultural growth, and innovation; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Taiwan serves the best interests of the Asia-Pacific region in the continuation  
9 of stability and growth; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Taiwan and mainland China have signed more than 20 agreements in the past  
11 decade; United States businesses can collaborate with innovative Taiwanese companies in  
12 Taiwan's comprehensive protection of intellectual property rights and then use Taiwan as a  
13 springboard for entering mainland China and other key Asian markets; and
- 14 WHEREAS, since 1984, the State of Georgia and Taiwan have enjoyed long, cordial, and  
15 mutually beneficial sister-state relations, a friendship that continues to strengthen with each  
16 passing year; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Taiwan is the United States' ninth-largest trading partner, and the United States  
18 is Taiwan's second-largest trading partner; and
- 19 WHEREAS, the designation of Taiwan into the United States' Visa Waiver Program is a  
20 significant step to draw travelers from Taiwan choosing the United States as their destination  
21 for trade, investment, and sightseeing; and

22 WHEREAS, by working together with Taiwan, Georgia welcomes all opportunities for an  
23 even closer economic partnership, such as the signing of a US-Taiwan Bilateral Investment  
24 Agreement and a Free Trade Agreement, in order to enhance the special sister-state bond  
25 between Georgia and Taiwan and to encourage further cultural, educational, and business  
26 exchanges between the citizens of both nations; and

27 WHEREAS, Taiwan is an active member in the international community with a long history  
28 of commitment to international health and humanitarian aid as well as environmental  
29 protection.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
31 the members of this body commend the democratization efforts of Taiwan and the nation's  
32 meaningful participation in the World Health Organization, the International Civil Aviation  
33 Organization, the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, and other international  
34 organizations and extend their most sincere best wishes for continued cooperation and  
35 success.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
37 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available to Mr. Vincent  
38 Jing-Yen Liu, Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Atlanta.