

Senate Resolution 487

By: Senators Rhett of the 33rd and Brass of the 28th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Taiwan for its relations with the United States and the State of Georgia; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Taiwan is commended for completing another successful presidential and
4 legislative election on January 13, 2024, and for its continuous contributions to international
5 society as a responsible stakeholder despite being under constant threat from China through
6 its encroachments on Taiwan's security and its use of non-peaceful means to undermine
7 Taiwan; and

8 WHEREAS, this year marks the landmark 45th anniversary of the enactment of the Taiwan
9 Relations Act (TRA), which has facilitated an even closer partnership in security, business,
10 educational, cultural, and people-to-people exchanges between the United States and Taiwan.
11 Consequently, in 2023, Taiwan welcomed the largest number of United States official
12 delegations ever; and

13 WHEREAS, China repeatedly excludes Taiwan from the United Nations system by
14 constantly distorting United Nations Resolution 2758 (XXVI), as the resolution did not
15 address the issue of the representation of Taiwan and its people in the United Nations or any

16 related organizations nor did it take a position on the relations between China and Taiwan;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Taiwan is the United States' ninth-largest trading partner, and the United States
19 is Taiwan's second-largest trading partner with an estimated \$160 billion trade amount in
20 2022. In June 2023, the United States and Taiwan signed the first agreement under the
21 "US-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade," covering customs and border procedures,
22 regulatory practices, and small business; and

23 WHEREAS, Taiwan's National Day was joyously celebrated at the Georgia Aquarium last
24 October with more than 250 distinguished guests, an event that emphasized the cherished
25 whale sharks from Taiwan, symbols of the strong connection between Taiwan and Georgia,
26 and included government officials, entrepreneurs, and leaders from the Taiwanese
27 community.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that with the celebration of
29 the Taiwan Relations Act's 45th anniversary, the members of this body encourage Georgians
30 to take part in activities and experiences that demonstrate and promote Taiwan's cultures,
31 cuisine, and tourism; support the Taiwan Caucus as a means to explore more collaboration
32 opportunities with Taiwan; and commend Taiwan for its longstanding, mutually beneficial
33 relationship with the State of Georgia as well as its positive relations with the United States.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Governor Brian
36 Kemp, Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, the Georgia Congressional Delegation, and
37 Mr. Elliot Wang, Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Atlanta.