

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION reaffirming Indiana's commitment to strengthening and deepening the sister ties between Indiana and Taiwan, reaffirming support for the Taiwan Relations Act by urging all enterprises in Indiana to refer to Taiwan as Taiwan, supporting the signing of trade agreements between Taiwan and the United States, encouraging Taiwan's meaningful participation in international organizations, and strengthening the education linkages with Taiwan.

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

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2 commitment to strengthening and deepening the sister ties
3 between Indiana and Taiwan, reaffirming support for the
4 Taiwan Relations Act by urging all enterprises in Indiana to
5 refer to Taiwan as Taiwan, supporting the signing of trade
6 agreements between Taiwan and the United States, encouraging
7 Taiwan's meaningful participation in international
8 organizations, and strengthening the education linkages with
9 Taiwan.

10 *Whereas, In March 1979, the United States (U.S.) Congress*
11 *passed the Taiwan Relations Act to authorize the continuation*
12 *of commercial, cultural, and other relations with Taiwan;*

13 *Whereas, In November 1979, Indiana became the first state*
14 *to formalize a sister-state relationship with Taiwan, when State*
15 *Senator John M. Guy and Lin Yang-kang, Chairman of Taiwan*
16 *Province, signed the first Taiwan-Indiana accord;*

17 *Whereas, In 2005, Mitch Daniels became the first sitting*
18 *Indiana Governor to visit Taiwan, and he promised to further*
19 *strengthen bilateral friendships and relations;*

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1 *Whereas, The economic and cultural ties between Indiana*
2 *and Taiwan have developed as promised with Taiwan being*
3 *Indiana's sixth-largest export market in Asia in 2021 - receiving*
4 *more than \$240 million in Indiana goods - and its people*
5 *sharing the same values of freedom, democracy, human rights,*
6 *respect for the rule of law, peace, and prosperity as the people*
7 *of the State of Indiana;*

8 *Whereas, The Indiana Department of Education and*
9 *Taiwan's Department of International and Cross-Strait*
10 *Education entered into a Memorandum of Understanding on*
11 *education to strengthen education linkages between Indiana*
12 *and Taiwan;*

13 *Whereas, The ties between Taiwan and the United States*
14 *are strong, as Taiwan is the U.S.'s eighth largest goods trading*
15 *partner, with two-way trade in goods and services totaling*
16 *\$114 billion in 2021;*

17 *Whereas, Trade agreements between Taiwan and the U.S.*
18 *would make this important relationship even stronger, as it*
19 *would increase exports to Taiwan from the U.S. as a whole, and*
20 *Indiana in particular, and allow greater bilateral investment*
21 *and technical collaboration through tariff reduction and other*
22 *trade facilitation measures;*

23 *Whereas, In June 2021, the U.S. and Taiwan held the 11th*
24 *Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA) Council*
25 *meeting, at the conclusion of which there was a commitment to*
26 *intensified engagement and a hope to gradually move towards*
27 *a free trade agreement;*

28 *Whereas, The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative and*
29 *the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the*
30 *U.S. launched the U.S.-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade*
31 *on June 1, 2022, and began holding in-person negotiating*
32 *rounds from January 14-17, 2023, but no comprehensive trade*
33 *agreements have yet been made between the U.S. and Taiwan;*



1 *Whereas, During the recent talks, a special emphasis was*
2 *placed on Taiwan's cooperation on the international stage,*
3 *including in places such as the Asia-Pacific Economic*
4 *Cooperation forum and the World Trade Organization; and*

5 *Whereas, Taiwan has undertaken a policy of "steadfast*
6 *diplomacy" in its international relations and is capable of, and*
7 *willing to, fulfill its responsibilities and collaborate with the*
8 *world to deal with the challenges of humanitarian aid and*
9 *disease control: Therefore,*

10 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
11 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

12 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate reaffirms its
13 commitment to the strengthening and deepening of the sister
14 ties between the State of Indiana and Taiwan.

15 SECTION 2. That the Indiana Senate reaffirms its support
16 for the Taiwan Relations Act and urges all enterprises in
17 Indiana to refer to Taiwan as Taiwan.

18 SECTION 3. That the Indiana Senate encourages the
19 pursuit of a Bilateral Trade Agreement through the TIFA,
20 supports an agreement for the avoidance of double taxation,
21 supports the inclusion of Taiwan in the Indo-Pacific Economic
22 Framework for Prosperity, and reiterates its support for a closer
23 economic and trade partnership between the State of Indiana
24 and Taiwan.

25 SECTION 4. That the Indiana Senate continues to support
26 Taiwan's meaningful participation in international organizations
27 which impact the health, safety, and well-being of the people of
28 Taiwan, and supports Taiwan's aspiration to make more
29 contributions in international societies.

30 SECTION 5. That the Indiana Senate continues to support
31 the strengthening of education linkages with Taiwan.

32 SECTION 6. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
33 to transmit copies of this Resolution to the members of the



- 1 Indiana Congressional Delegation and the Taipei Economic and
- 2 Cultural Office in Chicago, Illinois.

