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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 123

BY REPRESENTATIVE WRIGHT

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: Recognizes the economic ties and friendship that the United States and Louisiana have with the Republic of China (Taiwan)

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To express recognition and encouragement of Taiwan's economic ties and friendship with		
3	the United States and Louisiana.		
4	WHEREAS, the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979 was created to preserve and promot		
5	extensive, close, and friendly commercial, cultural, and other relations between the United		
6	States and Taiwan; and		
7	WHEREAS, Taiwan currently ranks as our nation's eighth largest trading partner		
8	and as of March 2022, bilateral trade in goods were approximately thirty-two billion two		
9	hundred million dollars; and		
10	WHEREAS, a robust trade and investment partnership between these two countries		
11	provide a solid foundation for a mutually beneficial bilateral trade agreement, which will		
12	spur job creation, expand the global market, and secure international supply chains; and		
13	WHEREAS, Taiwan, in addition to being in a great position to revitalize the global		
14	supply chain, is committed to helping address global challenges from humanitarian crises		
15	to nontraditional security threats, which has been especially demonstrated through Taiwan's		
16	efforts to combat the coronavirus pandemic; and		
17	WHEREAS, in 2020, Taiwan donated ten million face masks to countries in need,		
18	of which two million masks were sent to the United States, and its disease prevention		
19	measures, known as the Taiwan Model, have received global recognition and has bolstered		
20	unprecedented international support for Taiwan's bid to participate in the World Health		
21	Assembly; and		

1	WHEREAS, during the coronavirus pandemic, Taiwan and the United States signed			
2	the Taiwan-U.S. Anti-Epidemic Partnership, also known as the Partnership against			
3	Coronavirus, to demonstrate the two countries collaborative efforts and determination to			
4	combat the coronavirus pandemic; and			
5	WHEREAS, in addition to past collaborations that involve combating the			
6	coronavirus pandemic, the two countries have partnered together on a range of issues to			
7	promote common values of freedom, democracy, and human rights and have created			
8	programs, such as the Global Cooperation and Training Framework, which Taiwan along			
9	with the United States and the Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association jointly administer to			
10	promote Taiwan's expertise in a wide variety of fields, such as human rights, women's			
11	empowerment, digital economy and cybersecurity, and public health; and			
12	WHEREAS, in addition to creating and maintaining international bonds with our			
13	nation, Taiwan has also developed a strong and special bond with this state; and			
14	WHEREAS, this year marks the thirty-seventh anniversary of the sister state			
15	relationship between Louisiana and Taiwan, a bond nurtured through mutually beneficial			
16	exchanges; and			
17	WHEREAS, an example of those mutually beneficial exchanges, is the successful			
18	and profitable bilateral trade between Taiwan and Louisiana; and			
19	WHEREAS, in 2020, Louisiana's exports to Taiwan reached approximately three			
20	hundred ninety million dollars in commodities and Louisiana's imports from Taiwan reached			
21	approximately one hundred thirty-two million dollars in Taiwanese commodities; and			
22	WHEREAS, not only has Taiwan's unwavering friendship with this nation and its			
23	sister state, Louisiana, proven to be fathomless throughout the decades, both the United			
24	States and Louisiana have benefitted immensely and continue to benefit immensely from			
25	Taiwan's economic investment and companionship.			
26	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby			
27	express its recognition and encouragement of Taiwan's economic ties and friendship with			
28	the United States and Louisiana.			
29	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express			

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1	(1)	Support for a bilateral trade agreement between the United States and Taiwan
2		for Taiwan's participation in the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement
3		for Trans-Pacific Partnership.
4	(2)	Support for Taiwan's meaningful participation in the International Criminal
5		Police Organization (Interpol), the International Civil Aviation Organization,
6		the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and the
7		World Health Assembly.
8	(3)	Support for Louisiana to establish a partnership with Taiwan through the
9		National Guard State Partnership program to build on our decades of
10		mutually beneficial relations.
11	(4)	Support for recognition of the forty-third anniversary of the enactment of the
12		Taiwan Relations Act and the thirty-seventh anniversary of the sister state
13		relationship between Louisiana and Taiwan.
14	BE IT	FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mr.
15	Robert Lo, Di	rector General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Houston.

DIGEST

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