

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                           1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

4 HOUSE CONCURRENT  
5 RESOLUTION 1001

By: McCall of the House

and

Treat of the Senate

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10                                   AS INTRODUCED

11                   A Concurrent Resolution relating to the relationship  
12 between the United States of America and the Republic  
13 of China (Taiwan); making findings; and directing  
14 distribution.

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16                   WHEREAS, for decades, the United States of America and the  
17 Republic of China (Taiwan) have fostered a close relationship of  
18 enormous mutual economic, cultural and strategic benefit to both  
19 parties; and

20                   WHEREAS, bilateral trade between the U.S. and Taiwan reached  
21 \$68.2 billion in 2017, making Taiwan the eleventh largest trading  
22 partner of the U.S. and the largest per capita importer of U.S.  
23 agricultural products; and

1       WHEREAS, both nations could realize further economic gains  
2 through establishing a bilateral trade agreement (BTA) as well as  
3 enhancing platforms such as a Trade and Investment Framework  
4 Agreement (TIIFA) and Digital Economy Forum (DEF); and

5       WHEREAS, Taiwan maintains biennial agricultural procurement  
6 missions to the U.S. to sign multibillion-dollar supply deals and  
7 has been actively dispatching a substantial delegation to  
8 participate in the SelectUSA Investment Summit since 2013; and

9       WHEREAS, the World Economic Forum's 2018 Global Competitiveness  
10 Report rated Taiwan thirteenth amongst 140 economies and recognized  
11 Taiwan as one of the World's Four Super Innovators, resulting from  
12 wide-ranging regulatory efforts to build an environment conducive to  
13 financial sector development and foreign direct investment, and  
14 underscoring the impact of Taiwan's "Five Plus Two" industrial  
15 innovation initiative targeting the high-growth sectors of biotech  
16 and pharmaceuticals, green energy, national defense, smart machinery  
17 and Internet of Things, as well as the circular economy and a new  
18 paradigm of agriculture; and

19       WHEREAS, the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979 has continued to  
20 provide a sturdy foundation for robust U.S.-Taiwan relations to  
21 flourish for nearly 40 years, contributing to peace and stability in  
22 the Asia-Pacific region; this year the Taiwan Travel Act was passed  
23 by both chambers of the U.S. Congress and signed by President Trump  
24 to encourage high-level officials' visits between our two countries;

1       WHEREAS, both countries have further affirmed the partnership in  
2 such areas as international humanitarian assistance, public health  
3 and technology under the Global Cooperation and Training Framework  
4 (GCTF) established in June 2015; and

5       WHEREAS, 2019 marks the thirty-ninth anniversary of Oklahoma-  
6 Taiwan sister-state relations, which have nurtured and maintained a  
7 friendship built upon unwavering bonds beneficial and rewarding for  
8 both governments and their citizens now and in the future: Oklahoma  
9 exported \$34,431,112 in goods and services to Taiwan in 2018 making  
10 Taiwan the sixth largest export partner for Oklahoma in Asia; Taiwan  
11 sent a business delegation to visit Oklahoma companies in November  
12 2018, which reflects Taiwan's commitment to deepening economic ties  
13 with Oklahoma; and

14       WHEREAS, travel from Taiwan to the United States increased by  
15 more than 50 percent (50%) since Taiwan's participation in the U.S.  
16 Visa Waiver Program in 2012, and Taiwan joined the U.S. Global Entry  
17 program since November 2017, these significant efforts will continue  
18 to promote tourism and encourage exchanges between the two peoples.

19       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
20 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 57TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE  
21 CONCURRING THEREIN:

22       THAT we do hereby encourage closer economic relationships  
23 between the United States and Taiwan by negotiating a BTA between  
24 the two countries.

1            THAT we commend Taiwan's inclusion in the U.S. Global Entry and  
2 Visa Waiver Program to encourage economic and cultural exchanges.

3            THAT we celebrate the fortieth anniversary of enactment of the  
4 Taiwan Relations Act and the thirty-ninth anniversary of the sister-  
5 state relationship between the State of Oklahoma and Taiwan.

6            THAT we commend Mr. Peter Chen, Director General of the Taipei  
7 Economic and Cultural Office in Houston, for efforts and  
8 contributions toward enhancing cooperation between Oklahoma and  
9 Taiwan.

10           THAT copies of this resolution be furnished to Mr. Peter C.Y.  
11 Chen.

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