

Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1001

By: McCall, Albright, Baker, Bell, Bennett, Blancett, Boatman, Boles, Branham, Brewer, Burns, Bush, Caldwell (Chad), Caldwell (Trey), Conley, Cornwell, Crosswhite Hader, Davis, Dills, Dollens, Dunnington, Echols, Fetgatter, Fincher, Ford, Frix, Fugate, Gann, Goodwin, Grego, Hardin (David), Hardin (Tommy), Hasenbeck, Hilbert, Hill, Humphrey, Johns, Kannady, Kerbs, Kiger, Lawson, Lepak, Loring, Lowe, Luttrell, Manger, Marti, Martinez, May, McBride, McDugle, McEntire, Meredith, Miller, Mize, Moore, Munson, Newton, Nichols, Nollan, O'Donnell, Olsen, Ortega, Osburn, Pae, Patzkowsky, Perryman, Pfeiffer, Phillips, Pittman, Provenzano, Randleman, Ranson, Roberts (Dustin), Roberts (Sean), Roe, Rosecrants, Russ, Sanders, Sims, Smith, Sneed, Stark, Steagall, Sterling, Stone, Strom, Tadlock, Talley, Taylor, Townley, Vancuren, Virgin, Walke, Wallace, West (Josh), West (Kevin), West (Tammy), Worthen and Wright of the House

and

Treat, Allen, Bergstrom, Bice, Boggs, Boren, Brooks, Bullard, Coleman, Dahm, Daniels, David, Dossett, Dugger, Floyd, Hall, Haste, Hicks, Howard, Ikley-Freeman, Jech, Kidd, Kirt, Leewright, Matthews, McCortney, Montgomery, Murdock, Newhouse, Paxton, Pederson, Pemberton, Pugh, Quinn, Rader, Rosino, Scott, Sharp, Shaw, Silk, Simpson, Smalley, Standridge, Stanislawski, Stanley, Thompson, Weaver and Young of the Senate

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, 2019 marks the thirty-ninth anniversary of Oklahoma-Taiwan sister-state relations, which have nurtured and maintained a friendship built upon unwavering bonds beneficial and rewarding for both governments and their citizens now and in the future: Oklahoma exported \$34,431,112.00 in goods and services to Taiwan in 2018 making Taiwan the sixth largest export partner for Oklahoma in Asia; Taiwan sent a business delegation to visit Oklahoma companies in November 2018, which reflects Taiwan's commitment to deepening economic ties with Oklahoma; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 3rd day of April, 2019.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the 3rd day of April, 2019.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this _____
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