

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

4 HOUSE CONCURRENT
5 RESOLUTION 1018

By: Phillips of the House

and

Pederson of the Senate

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9 AS INTRODUCED

10 A Concurrent Resolution encouraging commercial,
11 cultural, and other relations between the people of
12 Oklahoma and the people of Taiwan; providing
13 findings; and directing distribution.

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15 WHEREAS, the long-standing bonds of friendship between the
16 United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan), embodied in the
17 Taiwan Relations Act of 1979, continue to yield important economic,
18 strategic, and cultural benefits; and

19 WHEREAS, in 2021 Taiwan became the United States' eighth largest
20 trading partner, and bilateral trade in goods reached 114.1 Billion
21 Dollars; the eighth largest export market for U.S. agricultural
22 products in 2020, and the biennial Taiwan Agricultural Trade
23 Goodwill Missions resulted in multibillion-dollar supply deals; and

1 WHEREAS, the robust U.S.-Taiwan trade and investment partnership
2 provides a solid foundation for a mutually beneficial bilateral
3 trade agreement (BTA) to spur job creation, further expand access to
4 the global market, and secure international supply chains; Taiwan is
5 well positioned to play an important role, augmenting the
6 revitalization of the global supply chain as part of the post-
7 pandemic economic recovery; and

8 WHEREAS, Taiwan is committed to addressing global challenges,
9 including emerging and nontraditional security threats; moreover,
10 Taiwan has emerged as an important partner in times of crisis,
11 providing 54 million surgical masks and other personal protective
12 equipment (PPE) to more than 80 countries around the world,
13 including 100,000 surgical masks to the State of Oklahoma; and

14 WHEREAS, Taiwanese officials and civil society groups partner
15 with the United States on a range of issues to promote our common
16 values of freedom, democracy, and human rights; and

17 WHEREAS, several sister city relationships exist between
18 Oklahoma and Taiwan, such as between Taipei, the capital city of
19 Taiwan, and Oklahoma City, capital of the State of Oklahoma,
20 Oklahoma City and Tainan, and Tulsa and Kaohsiung; and

21 WHEREAS, since 1980, Oklahoma and Taiwan have maintained a
22 sister-state relationship and enjoy particularly close economic
23 ties; Taiwan is Oklahoma's fifth largest export partner in Asia as
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1 the state exported more than 32 Million Dollars in goods and
2 services to Taiwan in 2021; and

3 WHEREAS, the establishment of an Oklahoma Trade and Investment
4 Office in Taiwan may enhance the participation of small- and medium-
5 sized enterprises in trade and investment, and advance sister-state
6 ties between Oklahoma and Taiwan; and

7 WHEREAS, Oklahoma and the United States have benefited
8 immeasurably through decades of unwavering friendship with Taiwan.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
11 CONCURRING THEREIN:

12 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Oklahoma
13 State Senate hereby support the strengthening of our partnership
14 with Taiwan and the expansion of Taiwan's role on the global stage;
15 support a bilateral trade agreement between the United States and
16 Taiwan; support Taiwan's meaningful participation in the
17 International Criminal Police Organization, the International Civil
18 Aviation Organization, and the World Health Assembly; support an
19 Oklahoma Trade and Investment Office in Taiwan; support Oklahoma to
20 establish a partnership with Taiwan through the National Guard State
21 Partnership Program (SPP) to build on our decades of mutually
22 beneficial relations; celebrate the 43rd anniversary of the
23 enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act and the 42nd anniversary of

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1 the sister-state relationship between the State of Oklahoma and
2 Taiwan.

3 THAT copies of this resolution be furnished to the Taipei
4 Economic and Cultural Office in Houston and to the members of the
5 Capitol Press Corps.

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