

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 CONCURRENT  
3 RESOLUTION NO. 1018

By: Phillips of the House

and

Pederson of the Senate

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7 A Concurrent Resolution encouraging commercial,  
8 cultural, and other relations between the people of  
9 Oklahoma and the people of Taiwan; providing  
10 findings; and directing distribution.

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

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

21 WHEREAS, the robust U.S.-Taiwan trade and investment partnership  
22 provides a solid foundation for a mutually beneficial bilateral  
23 trade agreement (BTA) to spur job creation, further expand access to  
24 the global market, and secure international supply chains; Taiwan is

1 well positioned to play an important role, augmenting the  
2 revitalization of the global supply chain as part of the post-  
3 pandemic economic recovery; and

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

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

13 WHEREAS, several sister-city relationships exist between  
14 Oklahoma and Taiwan, such as between Taipei, the capital city of  
15 Taiwan, and Oklahoma City, capital of the State of Oklahoma,  
16 Oklahoma City and Tainan, and Tulsa and Kaohsiung; and

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

22 WHEREAS, the establishment of an Oklahoma Trade and Investment  
23 Office in Taiwan may enhance the participation of small- and medium-

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1 sized enterprises in trade and investment, and advance sister-state  
2 ties between Oklahoma and Taiwan; and

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

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
6 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE  
7 CONCURRING THEREIN:

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

22 THAT copies of this resolution be furnished to the Taipei  
23 Economic and Cultural Office in Houston and to the members of the  
24 Capitol Press Corps.

