

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
CONCURRENT
2 RESOLUTION NO. 19

By: Pederson of the Senate

3 and

4 Strom and Pae of the House

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6 A Concurrent Resolution encouraging further economic
7 ties and friendship between the State of Oklahoma and
Taiwan; and directing distribution.

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9 WHEREAS, the longstanding bonds of friendship, economic ties,
10 and bonds of friendship between the United States and Taiwan,
11 embodied in the Taiwan Relations Act, continue to yield important
12 economic, social, strategic, and cultural benefits; and

13 WHEREAS, Taiwan ranks as the United States' eighth-largest
14 trading partner with bilateral trade reaching \$166 billion, the
15 thirteenth-largest goods export market of the United States, and the
16 sixth-largest export market for United States agricultural products;
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18 WHEREAS, the robust United States-Taiwan trade and investment
19 partnership provides a solid foundation for a mutually beneficial
20 bilateral trade agreement to spur job creation, expand the global
21 market, and secure international supply chains; and

22 WHEREAS, Taiwan is committed to helping address global
23 challenges, from humanitarian crises to nontraditional security
24 threats and pandemic prevention; and

1 WHEREAS, Taiwanese officials and civil society groups partner
2 with the United States on a range of issues to promote shared values
3 of freedom, democracy, and human rights; and

4 WHEREAS, since 1980, Oklahoma and Taiwan have maintained a
5 sister-state relationship and enjoy particularly close economic
6 ties; Taiwan is Oklahoma's tenth-largest export partner in Asia with
7 over \$37 million in goods and services exported to Taiwan in 2023;
8 and the establishment of an Oklahoma Trade and Investment Office in
9 Taiwan could enhance the participation of small- and medium-sized
10 enterprises in trade and investment; and

11 WHEREAS, given the important role Taiwan plays in global
12 aviation security, Taiwan's participation in the International Civil
13 Aviation Organization (ICAO) would help develop a global aviation
14 safety network and address vital issues such as the unilateral
15 adjustment of flight routes in the Taiwan Strait like the M503; and

16 WHEREAS, Oklahoma and the United States have benefited
17 immeasurably through decades of unwavering friendship with Taiwan,
18 and the wider world is sure to reap tremendous rewards as Taiwan
19 works to enhance its presence in the international community.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
21 OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
22 CONCURRING THEREIN:

23 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature expresses support for
24 strengthening its partnership with Taiwan, for the expansion of

1 Taiwan's role on the global stage, and for its efforts to preserve
2 peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait through meaningful
3 dialogue.

4 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature supports a tax agreement
5 between the United States and Taiwan and supports Taiwan's
6 meaningful participation in international organizations like the
7 Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF), International
8 Civil Aviation Organization, International Criminal Police
9 Organization, and many others.

10 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature celebrates the 45th
11 anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act and the 44th anniversary of
12 the sister-state relationship between the State of Oklahoma and
13 Taiwan.

14 THAT a copy of this resolution be furnished to the Taipei
15 Economic and Cultural Office in Houston.

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1 Adopted by the Senate the 1st day of May, 2024.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
6 2024.

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10 of Representatives