

Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 19

By: Pederson of the Senate

and

Strom, Pae, Munson, and
Fugate of the House

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

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

WHEREAS, Taiwan ranks as the United States' eighth-largest trading partner with bilateral trade reaching \$166 billion, the thirteenth-largest goods export market of the United States, and the sixth-largest export market for United States agricultural products; and

WHEREAS, the robust United States-Taiwan trade and investment partnership provides a solid foundation for a mutually beneficial bilateral trade agreement to spur job creation, expand the global market, and secure international supply chains; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature expresses support for strengthening its partnership with Taiwan, for the expansion of Taiwan's role on the global stage, and for its efforts to preserve peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait through meaningful dialogue.

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

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

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

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

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 1st day of May, 2024.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this _____
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