

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1019

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A RESOLUTION to commend the Republic of China (Taiwan) for its relations with the United States and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, in March of 2008, Taiwan held the fourth direct Presidential election and witnessed its peaceful transition of political power, paving the way for Taiwan as a beacon of democracy of Asia and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States are longstanding allies who both deeply cherish the values of freedom, democracy, human rights, and the rule of law; and

WHEREAS, the year 2010 marks the 30th anniversary of the sister-state relations between Tennessee and Taiwan, a friendship that continues to strengthen with each passing year; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is the United States' ninth-largest trading partner, and the United States is Taiwan's third-largest trading partner; and

WHEREAS, today, the government of Taiwan has committed itself to achieving peace and co-prosperity with mainland China; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is an active member of the international community with a long history of commitment to international health and humanitarian aid as well as environmental protection; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend the Republic of China (Taiwan) for its relations with the United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we also commend and support the democratization efforts of the Republic of China (Taiwan) as well as Taiwan's meaningful participation in the World Health Organization (WHO), the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we also welcome all opportunities to develop the special sister-state bond between Tennessee and Taiwan, and encourage further cultural, educational, and business exchanges between the citizens of Tennessee and Taiwan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared and forwarded to Mr. Larry R. L. Tseng, Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Atlanta.