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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENDORISING TAIWAN'S PARTICIPATION AS AN OBSERVER IN THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE, INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION, WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, AND INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL POLICE ORGANIZATION; ENCOURAGING A U.S.-TAIWAN BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENT; AND CELEBRATING THE STATE OF HAWAII'S TWENTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF SISTER-STATE RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN AND THE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT.

1 WHEREAS, as a model global citizen, Taiwan upholds the
2 universal values of peace, freedom, democracy, and human rights;
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5 WHEREAS, Taiwan is a committed provider of humanitarian
6 aid; from malaria prevention programs in Africa, to agricultural
7 projects in Latin America and the Caribbean; from medical
8 missions in the South Pacific, to disaster relief in Asia; these
9 are a few examples of how Taiwan has consistently strived to
10 make a real difference throughout the world; and
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12 WHEREAS, for years, Taiwan has actively engaged in climate
13 change research, supported anti-terrorism cooperation, and
14 worked with its partners to tackle transnational crime; and
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16 WHEREAS, Taiwan's meaningful participation in international
17 bodies such as the World Health Organization, International
18 Criminal Police Organization, United Nations Framework
19 Convention on Climate Change, and International Civil Aviation
20 Organization would make international mechanisms truly global;
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23 WHEREAS, the Taiwan Relations Act, passed by the United
24 States Congress on March 29, 1979, and signed by the President
25 of the United States on April 10, 1979, was enacted to help
26 maintain the enduring relationship between the people of the



1 United States and the people of Taiwan, seal the commitment to
2 promote relations with Taiwan, and provide Taiwan with the means
3 necessary to defend itself; and
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5 WHEREAS, Hawaii has a strong cultural, historical, and
6 economic relationship with Taiwan since sister-state relations
7 were established on December 19, 1993, and the bonds of true
8 friendship and a steadfast trade partnership have strengthened
9 over almost twenty-six years of friendship; and
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11 WHEREAS, Taiwan is the eleventh largest trading partner of
12 the United States in 2018, the United States is the leading
13 country for foreign direct investment in Taiwan, and hundreds of
14 thousands of jobs in the United States rely on the exports to
15 Taiwan; now, therefore,
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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
18 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, the House of
19 Representatives concurring, that this body joins the United
20 States in endorsing the participation of Taiwan as an observer
21 in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change,
22 International Civil Aviation Organization, World Health
23 Organization, and International Criminal Police Organization;
24 and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body encourages the United
27 States Trade Representative to commence negotiations to enter
28 into a bilateral trade agreement with Taiwan; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body supports the State of
31 Hawaii's upcoming twenty-sixth anniversary of sister-state
32 relations with Taiwan and commemorates the fortieth anniversary
33 of the Taiwan Relations Act; and
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