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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

STANDING WITH TAIWAN TO SUPPORT DEMOCRACY AND SECURITY.

1           WHEREAS, the United States and Republic of China, known  
2 commonly in the United States as Taiwan, are bonded by shared  
3 values and a shared commitment to democracy, human rights, the  
4 rule of law; and

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6           WHEREAS, Taiwan acted as a generous and well-intentioned  
7 true friend to the people of Hawaii after the August 2023  
8 wildfires; and

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10          WHEREAS, the people of Taiwan have maintained endearing  
11 relationships with the people of the United States; and

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13          WHEREAS, Taiwan is an indispensable partner in safeguarding  
14 peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region; and

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16          WHEREAS, Taiwan is the world's largest producer of  
17 semiconductors and a leader in information and communications  
18 technology and produces over ninety percent of the most advanced  
19 chips used in smartphones and data centers; and

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21          WHEREAS, Taiwan's technology is a key driver of economic  
22 growth and national progress, and United States companies and  
23 consumers are among the leading beneficiaries of trade with  
24 Taiwan's chip sector; and

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26          WHEREAS, Taiwan is the United States' seventh largest  
27 merchandise trading partner (\$158,600,000,000 in total goods),  
28 tenth largest export market (\$42,300,000,000), and eighth  
29 largest source of imports (\$116,300,000,000); and

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31          WHEREAS, Taiwan is a top United States trade partner and a  
32 key link to global technology and manufacturing supply chains;  
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1 WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed the landmark  
2 Taiwan Relations Act in 1979 to sustain a close bilateral  
3 relationship and advance mutual security and commercial  
4 interests between the United States and Taiwan; and  
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6 WHEREAS, the Taiwan Relations Act serves as a cornerstone  
7 of United States-Taiwan relations, preserving peace and  
8 stability in the Taiwan Strait, which is crucial to the  
9 maintenance of a free and open Indo-Pacific region; and  
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11 WHEREAS, Taiwan has expressed support for, and wishes to  
12 become a full member of, the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework;  
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15 WHEREAS, the intent of the United States-Taiwan Initiative  
16 on Twenty-First Century Trade is to develop concrete methods to  
17 deepen the economic and trade relationship between the two  
18 countries; and  
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20 WHEREAS, to strengthen bilateral trade, the government of  
21 Taiwan has expressed its desire to sign with the United States a  
22 Bilateral Trade Agreement, Bilateral Investment Agreement, and  
23 an Avoidance of Double Taxation Agreement; and  
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25 WHEREAS, Hawaii and Taiwan established a sister-state  
26 relationship in 1993, developing an enduring and mutually  
27 beneficial friendship; and  
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29 WHEREAS, Hawaii is one of the top exporters of agriculture  
30 products to Taiwan; and  
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32 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii Office in Taipei and the  
33 Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Honolulu have worked  
34 together in friendship and cooperation to promote future  
35 cooperation and exchanges in areas of tourism, agriculture,  
36 culture, education, and trade; and  
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38 WHEREAS, the United States-Taiwan Education Initiative was  
39 launched in 2020 to strengthen cooperation on international  
40 education and highlight Taiwan's ability to provide Mandarin  
41 language instruction; and  
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1 WHEREAS, given Mandarin's designation in the United States  
2 as a critical language, as well as Taiwan's plans to be  
3 bilingual by 2030, schools and institutions of higher education  
4 in Hawaii and Taiwan are encouraged to enhance their exchange  
5 programs; and

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7 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii and National Taiwan Ocean  
8 University have signed a memorandum of understanding on Academic  
9 Cooperation and Agreement of Cooperative Master Programs, to  
10 improve the bilateral exchange of education; and

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12 WHEREAS, the United States has assisted Taiwan in  
13 participating in the World Health Organization, International  
14 Civil Aviation Organization, and International Criminal Police  
15 Organization and will hopefully continue to support Taiwan's  
16 meaningful participation in these and other international  
17 organizations; now, therefore,

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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
20 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
21 of 2025, that this body stands with Taiwan to support democracy  
22 and security; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body endorses the  
25 participation of Taiwan as an observer in the United Nations  
26 Framework Convention on Climate Change, International Civil  
27 Aviation Organization, World Health Organization, and  
28 International Criminal Police Organization; and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body supports further  
31 progress on the United States-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century  
32 Trade; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body makes it known  
35 without any doubt that it stands by our international Democratic  
36 partners including Taiwan; and

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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
39 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States;  
40 Majority Leader of the United States Senate; Speaker of the  
41 United States House of Representatives; United States Secretary  
42 of State; United States Secretary of Defense; United States



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1 Trade Representative; members of Hawaii's Congressional  
2 delegation; Governor; and Director of Business, Economic  
3 Development, and Tourism.

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