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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENDORISING TAIWAN'S INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION, SUPPORTING THE
SIGNING OF A UNITED STATES-TAIWAN BILATERAL TRADE
AGREEMENT, AND COMMEMORATING THE RELATIONSHIPS AND
EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE STATE OF HAWAII AND TAIWAN.

1 WHEREAS, the United States and Taiwan are bonded by a
2 shared commitment to democracy, freedom, human rights, the rule
3 of law, and a free market economy; and
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5 WHEREAS, to further support and reinforce trading
6 partnerships, the United States-Taiwan Initiative on 21st
7 Century Trade has reached an agreement to develop concrete
8 methods to deepen their economic and trade relationship, advance
9 mutual trade priorities based on shared values, and promote
10 innovative and inclusive economic growth for workers and
11 businesses, including through new trade agreements; and
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13 WHEREAS, in order to strengthen bilateral trade, the
14 government of Taiwan has expressed its desire to sign a
15 Bilateral Trade Agreement, Bilateral Investment Agreement, and
16 Avoidance of Double Taxation Agreement with the United States;
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19 WHEREAS, Hawaii and Taiwan have an established sister-state
20 relationship since 1993, that has developed an enduring and
21 mutually beneficiary friendship exemplified by the Taiwan
22 government's generous \$500,000 contribution to Hawaii in the
23 aftermath of the 2023 Maui wildfires; and
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25 WHEREAS, in addition to the strong reciprocal trading
26 partnership, the State of Hawaii Office in Taipei and Taipei
27 Economic and Cultural Office in Honolulu have been working
28 together to promote substantial cooperation and exchanges in
29 areas of tourism, agriculture, culture, and education; and
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1 WHEREAS, the United States-Taiwan Education Initiative was
2 launched in 2020 to strengthen cooperation on international
3 education and highlight Taiwan's ability to provide Mandarin
4 language instruction; and
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6 WHEREAS, given Mandarin's designation as a critical
7 language and Taiwan's plans to be bilingual by 2030, schools and
8 institutions of higher education in both Hawaii and Taiwan are
9 encouraged to enhance their exchanges, as exemplified by the
10 partnership between University of Hawaii and the National Tsing
11 Hua University; and
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13 WHEREAS, for years, Taiwan has actively engaged in climate
14 change research, supported anti-terrorism cooperation, and
15 worked with its partners to tackle transnational crime; and
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17 WHEREAS, Taiwan's meaningful participation in bodies such
18 as the World Health Organization, International Criminal Police
19 Organization, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate
20 Change, and International Civil Aviation Organization would make
21 international mechanisms truly global; and
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23 WHEREAS, the United States has assisted Taiwan in
24 participating in the World Health Organization, International
25 Civil Aviation Organization, and International Criminal Police
26 Organization and will continue to support Taiwan's meaningful
27 participation in these and other international organizations;
28 now, therefore,
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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the
32 House of Representatives concurring, that this body joins the
33 United States to endorse the participation of Taiwan as an
34 observer in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate
35 Change, International Civil Aviation Organization, World Health
36 Organization, and International Criminal Police Organization;
37 and
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body supports the first
40 agreement under the US-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade,
41 and encourages the United States Trade Representative to



1 commence negotiations to enter in to a bilateral trade agreement
2 with Taiwan; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body commemorates the
5 State of Hawaii's thirty-second anniversary of sister-state
6 relations with Taiwan and supports mutual beneficiary exchanges
7 and cooperation with Taiwan; and

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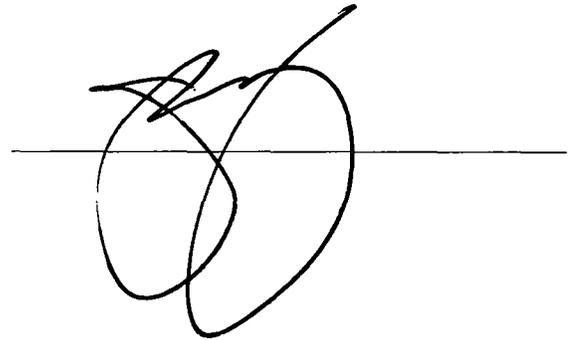
9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
10 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
11 United States; President of the United States Senate; Speaker of
12 the United States House of Representatives; United States
13 Secretary of State; members of Hawaii's Congressional
14 delegation; Governor; and Director of Business, Economic
15 Development, and Tourism.

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