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

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12 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii and National Taiwan Ocean
13 University have signed a memorandum of understanding on Academic
14 Cooperation and Agreement of Cooperative Master Programs, to
15 improve the bilateral exchange of education; and

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17 WHEREAS, the United States has assisted Taiwan in
18 participating in the World Health Organization, International
19 Civil Aviation Organization, and International Criminal Police
20 Organization and will hopefully continue to support Taiwan's
21 meaningful participation in these and other international
22 organizations; now, therefore,

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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
25 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the
26 House of Representatives concurring, that this body stands with
27 Taiwan to support democracy and security; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body endorses the
30 participation of Taiwan as an observer in the United Nations
31 Framework Convention on Climate Change, International Civil
32 Aviation Organization, World Health Organization, and
33 International Criminal Police Organization; and

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body supports further
36 progress on the United States-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century
37 Trade; and

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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body makes it known
40 without any doubt that it stands by our international Democratic
41 partners including Taiwan; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
3 United States; Majority Leader of the United States Senate;
4 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; United
5 States Secretary of State; United States Secretary of Defense;
6 United States Trade Representative; members of Hawaii's
7 Congressional delegation; Governor; and Director of Business,
8 Economic Development, and Tourism.
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