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SENATE RESOLUTION

ENDORING TAIWAN'S INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION, SUPPORTING THE
SIGNING OF A UNITED STATES-TAIWAN AGREEMENT ON AVOIDANCE OF
DOUBLE TAXATION, AND COMMEMORATING THE SISTER-STATE
RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE STATE 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 an
15 Agreement on Avoidance of Double Taxation with the United
16 States; and
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18 WHEREAS, the State and Taiwan have an established sister-
19 state relationship since 1993 that has developed an enduring and
20 mutually beneficiary friendship, exemplified by the Taiwan
21 government's generous \$500,000 contribution to the State in the
22 aftermath of the 2023 Maui wildfires; and
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24 WHEREAS, in addition to the strong reciprocal trading
25 partnership, the State of Hawaii Office in Taipei and Taipei
26 Economic and Cultural Office in Honolulu have been working
27 together to promote substantial cooperation and exchanges in
28 areas of tourism, agriculture, culture, education, and sport;
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31 WHEREAS, the United States-Taiwan Education Initiative was
32 launched in 2020 to strengthen cooperation on international
33 education and highlight Taiwan's ability to provide Mandarin
34 language instruction; and



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2 WHEREAS, given Mandarin's designation as a critical
3 language and Taiwan's plans to be bilingual by 2030, schools and
4 institutions of higher education in the State and Taiwan are
5 encouraged to enhance their exchanges, as exemplified by the
6 partnership between the University of Hawaii and National Tsing
7 Hua University; and

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9 WHEREAS, for years, Taiwan has actively engaged in climate
10 change research, promoted disaster management exchange,
11 supported anti-terrorism cooperation, and worked with its
12 partners to tackle transnational crime; and

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14 WHEREAS, Taiwan's meaningful participation in bodies such
15 as the International Criminal Police Organization, United
16 Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and
17 International Civil Aviation Organization would make
18 international mechanisms truly global; and

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

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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026,
28 that this body joins the United States to endorse the
29 participation of Taiwan as an observer in the United Nations
30 Framework Convention on Climate Change, International Civil
31 Aviation Organization, and International Criminal Police
32 Organization; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body supports the first
35 two agreements under the US-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century
36 Trade, and encourages the United States Trade Representative to
37 commence negotiations to enter into an Agreement on Avoidance of
38 Double Taxation with Taiwan; and

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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body commemorates the
41 State's thirty-third anniversary of sister-state relations with



1 Taiwan and supports mutual beneficiary exchanges and cooperation
2 with Taiwan; and

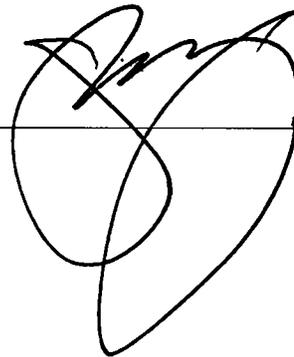
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States;
6 President of the United States Senate; Speaker of the United
7 States House of Representatives; United States Secretary of
8 State; members of the State's Congressional delegation;
9 Governor; and Director of Business, Economic Development, and
10 Tourism.

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