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COMMENDING TAIWAN FOR ITS RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES
AND THE STATE OF ALABAMA.

WHEREAS, commending Taiwan for completing another
successful presidential and legislative election on January
13th, 2024, and its continuous contribution to international
society as a responsible stakeholder, even though Taiwan is
under constant threat from China encroaching on Taiwan's
security and employing non-peaceful means to undermine
Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the landmark 45th
anniversary of the enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act
(TRA), which has facilitated an even closer partnership on
security, business, education, culture, and people-to-people
exchanges between the U.S. and Taiwan; in 2023, Taiwan has
welcomed the largest number of U.S. official delegations
ever; and

WHEREAS, China repeatedly excludes Taiwan from the
United Nations System by constant distortion of UN
Resolution 2758 (XXVI), as the resolution did not address
the issue of representation of Taiwan and its people in the
United Nations or any related organizations, nor did the
resolution take a position on the relations between China
and Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is the United States' ninth-largest



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29 trading partner, and the United States is Taiwan's
30 second-largest trading partner, with an estimated \$160
31 billion trade amount in 2022; in June 2023, the U.S. and
32 Taiwan signed the first agreement under the U.S. - Taiwan
33 Initiative on 21st Century Trade covering customs and border
34 procedures, regulatory practices, and small businesses; and

35 WHEREAS, Alabama became the second state to sign a
36 K-12 and higher education cooperation MOU with Taiwan in
37 2022 since the launch of the 2020 U.S. - Taiwan Education
38 Initiative, facilitating abundant Mandarin and English
39 language classes and student-teacher exchanges, resulting in
40 the establishment of the Taiwan Center of Chinese Language
41 and Culture at Auburn University; now therefore,

42 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
43 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That this body supports the
44 U.S.-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade and a
45 U.S.-Taiwan Avoid Double Taxation Agreement as Taiwanese
46 companies are looking for a diverse and free market in the
47 U.S. instead of China; and encourages the state government
48 of Alabama to establish a trade office in Taiwan, as North
49 Carolina, South Carolina, Arizona, Virginia, West Virginia,
50 and Pennsylvania have recently done, to attract more
51 investments.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That with the celebration of
53 the 45th anniversary of the TRA to reaffirm the U.S.
54 commitment to Taiwan, this body supports Taiwan's meaningful
55 participation in international organizations and economic
56 cooperation such as WHO, UNFCCC, ICAO, INTERPOL, CPTPP, and



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57 IPEF; encourages Alabamians to take part in activities and
58 experiences and promoting Taiwan's cultures, cuisine, and
59 tourism; and encourages the Alabama Congressional Delegation
60 to join the Congressional Taiwan Caucus for exploring more
61 collaboration opportunities with Taiwan.

62 BE IT ALSO FURTHER RESOLVED, That a certified copy of
63 this resolution be prepared and transmitted to Governor Kay
64 Ivey, Secretary of State Wes Allen, the Alabama
65 Congressional Delegation, and Mr. Elliot Wang,
66 Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office
67 in Atlanta.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was passed by the House 02-Apr-24.

John Treadwell
Clerk

Senate

04-Apr-24

Adopted