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HJR\_\_\_ 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.