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3 By Representative Harbison
4 RFD: RULES
5 First Read: 04-Apr-24



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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

5 WHEREAS, Taiwan is the United States' eighth-largest
6 trading partner, and the United States is Taiwan's
7 second-largest trading partner, with a bilateral trade
8 amount of \$105 billion in 2021; Taiwan is Alabama's 13th
9 largest import country and the 21st largest export market of
10 Alabama; and

11 WHEREAS, Alabama was the second state to sign the
12 K-12 and higher education cooperation MOU with Taiwan in
13 2022 since the launch of the 2020 "U.S. - Taiwan Education
14 Initiative" facilitating more Mandarin and English language,
15 student, and teacher exchanges; and

16 WHEREAS, in September 2021, Auburn University signed
17 a joint agreement to establish close academic ties with
18 Taiwan's National Cheng Kung University (NCKU), resulting in
19 the establishment of the "Taiwan Center of Chinese Language
20 and Culture" and an abundant exchange of lecturers,
21 students, and Chinese language and culture courses at
22 Auburn; in 2023, Auburn faculty will travel to Taiwan to
23 seek further collaborations; and

24 WHEREAS, Taiwan's delegation at the 2022 World Games
25 in Birmingham, Alabama, won an impressive total of 13
26 medals, its third best tally ever; the Taiwanese community
27 in the State of Alabama shows encouragement and support; and



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28 WHEREAS, Alabama welcomes all opportunities for even
29 closer partnerships in business, educational, cultural, and
30 people-to-people exchanges between citizens of the U.S. and
31 Taiwan and better collaboration in the post-pandemic
32 economic recovery efforts; and

33 WHEREAS, in 2022, the U.S. and Taiwan have
34 experienced strengthening in bilateral relations; the launch
35 of the "U.S. - Taiwan Initiative on 21st Century Trade"
36 facilitates negotiations on an economic and trade agreement
37 with high-standard commitments; the "National Defense
38 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023" facilitates a
39 defense modernization program for Taiwan to deter China's
40 aggression; the signing of the "Taiwan - U.S. MOU on
41 Development and Humanitarian Assistance Cooperation"
42 highlights Taiwan as a significant stakeholder globally; and

43 WHEREAS, being a formal member of the Asia-Pacific
44 Economic Cooperation (APEC) since 1991, Taiwan continues to
45 contribute to the welfare of the people in the Asia-Pacific
46 region; now therefore,

47 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
48 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That it encourages the members of
49 this body to join the Taiwan Caucus in welcoming the state
50 government to establish a trade office in Taiwan, as South
51 Carolina, New Mexico, Montana, and Pennsylvania have
52 recently done, to attract more investment and encourage
53 state government officials and members of Legislature to
54 conduct more frequent exchanges with their Taiwanese
55 counterparts.



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56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That it supports the "U.S. -
57 Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade" and the
58 negotiations on a bilateral trade agreement as Taiwanese
59 companies are looking for a diverse and free market in the
60 U.S. and also supports Taiwan's meaningful participation in
61 international organizations and mechanisms such as WHO,
62 UNFCCC, ICAO, INTERPOL, and IPEF.

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



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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 11-Apr-24.

John Treadwell
Clerk

Senate

25-Apr-24

Adopted