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- 3 By Senators Jones, Coleman-Madison
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4	SJR COMMENDING TAIWAN FOR ITS RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED
5	STATES AND THE STATE OF ALABAMA.
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7	WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States of America are
8	long standing allies who both deeply cherish the common
9	values of democracy, peace, and prosperity; therefore,
10	Taiwan continues to pursue integrated diplomacy and serves
11	the best interests of the Indo-Pacific region by deepening
12	ties with other like-minded nations, safeguarding regional
13	security, and utilizing Taiwan's technological and economic
14	success to promote partnerships on mutual benefits; and
15	WHEREAS, China repeatedly exerts economic coercion,
16	stages military drills directed toward Taiwan, and distorts
17	UN Resolution 2758 (XXVI) excluding Taiwan's participation
18	from international organizations, which results in global
19	challenges to rules-based international order and aggressive
20	authoritarian expansionism; and
21	WHEREAS, Taiwan is the United States' eighth-largest
22	trading partner, and the United States is Taiwan's
23	second-largest trading partner, with an estimated \$128
24	billion worth of trade, and Taiwan is Alabama's 13th largest
25	import and 18th largest export market in 2023; the U.S. and
26	Taiwan's first agreement entry into force under "US-Taiwan
27	Initiative on 21st-Century Trade" includes commitments on
28	anti-corruption, good regulatory practices, customs

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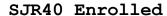
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29	administration and trade facilitation, and small and
30	medium-sized enterprises; and
31	WHEREAS, Taiwan and Alabama signed the K-12 and
32	higher education cooperation MOU in 2022 since the launch of
33	the 2020 "U.S Taiwan Education Initiative," facilitating
34	educational cooperation, Mandarin and English language
35	learning, and student and teacher exchanges, realizing our
36	common goals in the operation of the "Taiwan Center" at
37	Auburn University; now, therefore,
38	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF
39	ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That this body
40	supports constant talks under the "US-Taiwan Initiative on
41	21st-Century Trade" and a "US-Taiwan Avoid Double Taxation
42	Agreement" as Taiwanese companies are looking for a diverse
43	and free market investment in the U.S.; encouraging the
44	state government to establish a trade office in Taiwan, as
45	23 other states and Guam have done, and organize a trade
46	delegation to Taiwan to attract more investments;
47	encouraging city governments to participate in the annual
48	"Smart City" forum in Taiwan; and
49	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That with the celebration of
50	Taiwan's democracy to reaffirm the United States' commitment
51	to Taiwan, encouraging the members of this body to join the
52	Taiwan Caucus to explore more collaborative opportunities
53	with Taiwan; supporting Taiwan's meaningful participation in
54	international organizations and economic cooperation such as
55	WHO, UNFCCC, ICAO, INTERPOL, CPTPP and IPEF; and



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56	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That conducting more
57	exchanges with Taiwan of scholars, teachers and students,
58	and using TOCFL (Test of Chinese as a foreign language as a
59	Chinese proficiency assessment tool for Alabama State Seal
60	of Biliteracy); encouraging Alabamians to take part in
61	Taiwanese American Heritage Week in May and other
62	activities; experiencing and promoting Taiwan's culture,
63	tourism, and delicacies such as boba tea; and
64	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a certified copy of this
65	Resolution be prepared and transmitted to Governor Kay Ivey,
66	Secretary of State Wes Allen, the Alabama Congressional
67	Delegation, and Mr. Elliot Wang, Director-General of the
68	Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Atlanta.





President and Presiding Officer of the Senate Speaker of the House of Representatives SJR40 Senate 01-Apr-25 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate. Patrick Harris, Secretary. House of Representatives Passed: 08-Apr-25 By: Senator Jones