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3 By Senators Jones, Coleman-Madison  
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5 First Read: 18-Mar-25



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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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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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.



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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate.

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.

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House of Representatives

Passed: 08-Apr-25

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By: Senator Jones