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3 By Representatives Shaw, Sellers, Whitt
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4 HJR___ 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 longstanding, close allies who both deeply cherish the
9 common values of democracy, peace, and prosperity; Taiwan
10 continues to pursue integrated diplomacy and serves the best
11 interests of the Indo-Pacific region by deepening ties with
12 other like-minded democratic nations, safeguarding regional
13 security, and utilizing Taiwan's technological and
14 industrial success to promote partnerships on mutual
15 benefits; and

16 WHEREAS, the year 2026 marks both the 250th
17 Anniversary of United States Independence and the 30th
18 Anniversary of Taiwan's first direct presidential election,
19 milestones that honor liberty and the principle that
20 sovereignty resides in the people; this shared celebration
21 reaffirms Taiwan-U.S. commitment to the rule of law, human
22 rights, and a rules-based international order; through close
23 cooperation, Taiwan and the United States strengthen
24 democratic values and contribute to Indo-Pacific security,
25 economic resilience, and global peace and stability for
26 future generations; and

27 WHEREAS, the People's Republic of China repeatedly
28 exerts economic coercion, stages military drills directed



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toward Taiwan, and distorts UN Resolution 2758 (XXVI) excluding Taiwan's participation from international organizations, which results in global challenges to rules-based international order and aggressive authoritarian expansionism; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is the United States' seventh-largest trading partner, and the United States is Taiwan's second-largest trading partner, with an estimated \$157.8 billion trade-in-goods value; also, Taiwan was Alabama's 17th largest import and 11th largest export market in 2024; the agreement implemented under the United States-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade First Agreement Implementation Act includes commitments on anti-corruption, good regulatory practices, customs administration and trade facilitation, and small and medium-sized enterprises; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, Alabama joined the U.S. Taiwan Education Initiative by signing a Memorandum of Understanding with Taiwan's Ministry of Education to boost educational cooperation, Mandarin and English language learning, and student and teacher exchanges; the operation of the "Taiwan Center" at Auburn University further emphasizes our common goals; Alabama is the second state to formalize this K-12 and higher educational partnership under the broad U.S.-Taiwan Education Initiative launched in 2020; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we support continued dialogue under the "U.S.-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century



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Trade" and a mechanism to avoid a U.S.-Taiwan double taxation, as Taiwanese companies are seeking diversified investment opportunities in the United States within a free and open market; and we encourage the state government to send a trade delegation to Taiwan, and for state executives and officials to further engage with their counterparts in Taiwan to explore, enhance, and deepen substantive relationship on issues of importance to the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That in celebrating Taiwan's democracy and reaffirming the United States' commitment to Taiwan, the members of this body are encouraged to join the Taiwan Caucus to explore additional collaboration with Taiwan; to support Taiwan's meaningful participation in international organizations and economic cooperation frameworks, including ICAO, INTERPOL, CPTPP, and IPEF; and to bolster Taiwan's stance in resisting China's oppression and its misrepresentation of United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2758.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama government is encouraged to sign an Cultural, Educational, and Economic Cooperation Memorandum of Understanding with Taiwan; that the members of the Legislature are encouraged to join the Taiwan Caucus for exploring more collaboration opportunities with Taiwan; and Alabamians are encouraged to take part in activities, experiencing and promoting Taiwan's cultures, cuisine, and tourism.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a certified copy of this Resolution be prepared and transmitted to Governor Kay Ivey,



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85 Secretary of State Wes Allen, the Alabama Congressional
86 Delegation, and Mr. Jared Lin, Director-General of the
87 Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Atlanta.