

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

HOUSE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION 1018

By: Phillips of the House

and

Pederson of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution encouraging commercial, cultural, and other relations between the people of Oklahoma and the people of Taiwan; providing findings; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the long-standing bonds of friendship between the United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan), embodied in the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979, continue to yield important economic, strategic, and cultural benefits; and

WHEREAS, in 2021 Taiwan became the United States' eighth largest trading partner, and bilateral trade in goods reached 114.1 Billion Dollars; the eighth largest export market for U.S. agricultural products in 2020, and the biennial Taiwan Agricultural Trade Goodwill Missions resulted in multibillion-dollar supply deals; and

WHEREAS, the robust U.S.-Taiwan trade and investment partnership provides a solid foundation for a mutually beneficial bilateral

1 trade agreement (BTA) to spur job creation, further expand access to  
2 the global market, and secure international supply chains; Taiwan is  
3 well positioned to play an important role, augmenting the  
4 revitalization of the global supply chain as part of the post-  
5 pandemic economic recovery; and

6 WHEREAS, Taiwan is committed to addressing global challenges,  
7 including emerging and nontraditional security threats; moreover,  
8 Taiwan has emerged as an important partner in times of crisis,  
9 providing 54 million surgical masks and other personal protective  
10 equipment (PPE) to more than 80 countries around the world,  
11 including 100,000 surgical masks to the State of Oklahoma; and

12 WHEREAS, Taiwanese officials and civil society groups partner  
13 with the United States on a range of issues to promote our common  
14 values of freedom, democracy, and human rights; and

15 WHEREAS, several sister city relationships exist between  
16 Oklahoma and Taiwan, such as between Taipei, the capital city of  
17 Taiwan, and Oklahoma City, capital of the State of Oklahoma,  
18 Oklahoma City and Tainan, and Tulsa and Kaohsiung; and

19 WHEREAS, since 1980, Oklahoma and Taiwan have maintained a  
20 sister-state relationship and enjoy particularly close economic  
21 ties; Taiwan is Oklahoma's fifth largest export partner in Asia as  
22 the state exported more than 32 Million Dollars in goods and  
23 services to Taiwan in 2021; and

1       WHEREAS, the establishment of an Oklahoma Trade and Investment  
2 Office in Taiwan may enhance the participation of small- and medium-  
3 sized enterprises in trade and investment, and advance sister-state  
4 ties between Oklahoma and Taiwan; and

5       WHEREAS, Oklahoma and the United States have benefited  
6 immeasurably through decades of unwavering friendship with Taiwan.

7       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
8 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE  
9 CONCURRING THEREIN:

10       THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Oklahoma  
11 State Senate hereby support the strengthening of our partnership  
12 with Taiwan and the expansion of Taiwan's role on the global stage;  
13 support a bilateral trade agreement between the United States and  
14 Taiwan; support Taiwan's meaningful participation in the  
15 International Criminal Police Organization, the International Civil  
16 Aviation Organization, and the World Health Assembly; support an  
17 Oklahoma Trade and Investment Office in Taiwan; support Oklahoma to  
18 establish a partnership with Taiwan through the National Guard State  
19 Partnership Program (SPP) to build on our decades of mutually  
20 beneficial relations; celebrate the 43rd anniversary of the  
21 enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act and the 42nd anniversary of  
22 the sister-state relationship between the State of Oklahoma and  
23 Taiwan.

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1        THAT copies of this resolution be furnished to the Taipei  
2 Economic and Cultural Office in Houston and to the members of the  
3 Capitol Press Corps.

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