

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 1005

By: McCall

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution relating to the economic contributions and value of Taiwan; findings; distribution.

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

WHEREAS, Taiwan ranks as the United States' 9th largest trading partner, and in 2020, bilateral trade in goods reached \$90.9 billion; the 7th largest export market for U.S. agricultural products in 2019, Taiwan's biennial agricultural trade good-will missions result in multibillion-dollar supply deals, and its annually dispatched delegations to the SelectUSA Investment Summit boost investment; Taiwan's recent action to lift restrictions on U.S. beef and pork beginning January 2021 will help enhance bilateral trade; and

1 WHEREAS, the robust U.S.-Taiwan trade and investment partnership
2 provides a solid foundation for a mutually beneficial bilateral
3 trade agreement (BTA) to spur job creation, further expand the
4 global market, and secure international supply chains; Taiwan is
5 well positioned to play an important role augmenting the
6 revitalization of the global supply chain as part of the post-
7 pandemic economic recovery; and

8 WHEREAS, Taiwan is committed to helping address global challenges,
9 from humanitarian crises to nontraditional security threats;
10 moreover, it has emerged as an important partner in pandemic
11 prevention, providing 54 million surgical masks and other PPE to
12 more than 80 countries around the world, including 100,000 surgical
13 masks to the State of Oklahoma; the Taiwan Model has achieved world
14 renown for its effective pandemic prevention and containment,
15 bolstering unprecedented international support for Taiwan's bid to
16 participate in the World Health Assembly (WHA); and

17 WHEREAS, Taiwanese officials and civil society groups partner with
18 the United States on a range of issues to promote our common values
19 of freedom, democracy and human rights; in March, Taiwan joined with
20 the United States to establish the Partnership against Coronavirus,
21 building on the cooperative tradition of prior joint partnerships
22 such as the Global Cooperation and Training Framework (GCTF), which
23 advances Taiwanese leadership in such arenas as democratization,
24 human rights, women's empowerment and public health; and

1 WHEREAS, since 1980, Oklahoma and Taiwan have maintained a sister-
2 state relationship and enjoy particularly close economic ties;
3 Taiwan is Oklahoma's 5th largest export partner in Asia, as the
4 state exported over \$32 million in goods and services to Taiwan in
5 2020; and

6 WHEREAS, the establishment of an Oklahoma Trade and Investment
7 Office in Taiwan could enhance the participation of small- and
8 medium-sized enterprises in trade and investment and advance sister-
9 state ties between Oklahoma and Taiwan; and

10 WHEREAS, Oklahoma and the United States have benefited
11 immeasurably through decades of unwavering friendship with Taiwan,
12 and the wider world is sure to reap tremendous rewards as Taiwan
13 works to enhance its presence in the international community.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
15 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
16 CONCURRING THEREIN:

17 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Oklahoma State
18 Senate hereby express support for the strengthening of our
19 partnership with Taiwan and for the expansion of Taiwan's role on
20 the global stage; support a bilateral trade agreement between the
21 United States and Taiwan; support Taiwan's meaningful participation
22 in the World Health Assembly; support an Oklahoma Trade and
23 Investment Office in Taiwan; celebrate the 42nd anniversary of the
24 enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act and the 41st anniversary of

1 the sister-state relationship between the State of Oklahoma and
2 Taiwan.

3 THAT copies of this resolution be furnished to the Taipei Economic
4 and Cultural Office in Houston.

5

6 58-1-8138 MAH 04/13/21

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24