

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 CONCURRENT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 8

By: Pederson of the Senate

and

4 Strom, Pae, Munsun and
5 Fugate of the House

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7 A Concurrent Resolution encouraging further
8 partnership between Oklahoma and Taiwan; supporting
9 Taiwan's participation in international
10 organizations; celebrating Taiwan Relations Act
11 anniversary; and directing distribution.

12 WHEREAS, the longstanding sister-state relationship, close
13 economic ties, and bonds of friendship between the U.S. and Taiwan,
14 embodied in the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979, continue to yield
15 important economic, social, strategic, and cultural benefits; and

16 WHEREAS, Taiwan ranks as the United States' ninth-largest
17 trading partner, with bilateral trade reaching \$114 billion, and the
18 sixth-largest export market for U.S. agricultural products; and

19 WHEREAS, the robust U.S.-Taiwan trade and investment partnership
20 provides a solid foundation for a mutually beneficial bilateral
21 trade agreement to spur job creation, expand the global market, and
22 secure international supply chains; and

1 WHEREAS, Taiwan is committed to helping address global
2 challenges, from humanitarian crises to nontraditional security
3 threats and pandemic prevention; and

4 WHEREAS, Taiwanese officials and civil society groups partner
5 with the U.S. on a range of issues to promote our common values of
6 freedom, democracy, and human rights; and

7 WHEREAS, Taiwan is Oklahoma's seventh-largest export partner in
8 Asia, with over \$32 million in goods and services exported to Taiwan
9 in 2022, and the establishment of an Oklahoma Trade and Investment
10 Office in Taiwan could enhance the participation of small- and
11 medium-sized enterprises in trade and investment; and

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

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
17 OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
18 CONCURRING THEREIN:

19 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature expresses Oklahoma's support
20 for strengthening our partnership with Taiwan and for the expansion
21 of Taiwan's role on the global stage.

22 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature supports a bilateral trade
23 agreement between the U.S. and Taiwan, and supports their meaningful
24 participation in international organizations like the Indo-Pacific

1 Economic Framework for Prosperity, World Health Assembly,
2 International Civil Aviation Organization, and the United Nations
3 Framework Convention on Climate Change.

4 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature celebrates the 44th
5 anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act and the 43rd anniversary of
6 the sister-state relationship between the State of Oklahoma and
7 Taiwan.

8 THAT a copy of this resolution be furnished to the Taipei
9 Economic and Cultural Office in Houston, Texas.

10 Adopted by the Senate the 12th day of April, 2023.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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14 Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
15 2023.

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of Representatives

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