

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

4   ENGROSSED SENATE  
5   CONCURRENT  
6   RESOLUTION NO. 8

By: Pederson of the Senate

and

7                                   Strom, Pae, Munsun and  
8                                   Fugate of the House

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1        THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature supports a bilateral trade  
2 agreement between the U.S. and Taiwan, and supports their meaningful  
3 participation in international organizations like the Indo-Pacific  
4 Economic Framework for Prosperity, World Health Assembly,  
5 International Civil Aviation Organization, and the United Nations  
6 Framework Convention on Climate Change.

7        THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature celebrates the 44th  
8 anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act and the 43rd anniversary of  
9 the sister-state relationship between the State of Oklahoma and  
10 Taiwan.

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

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14 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.